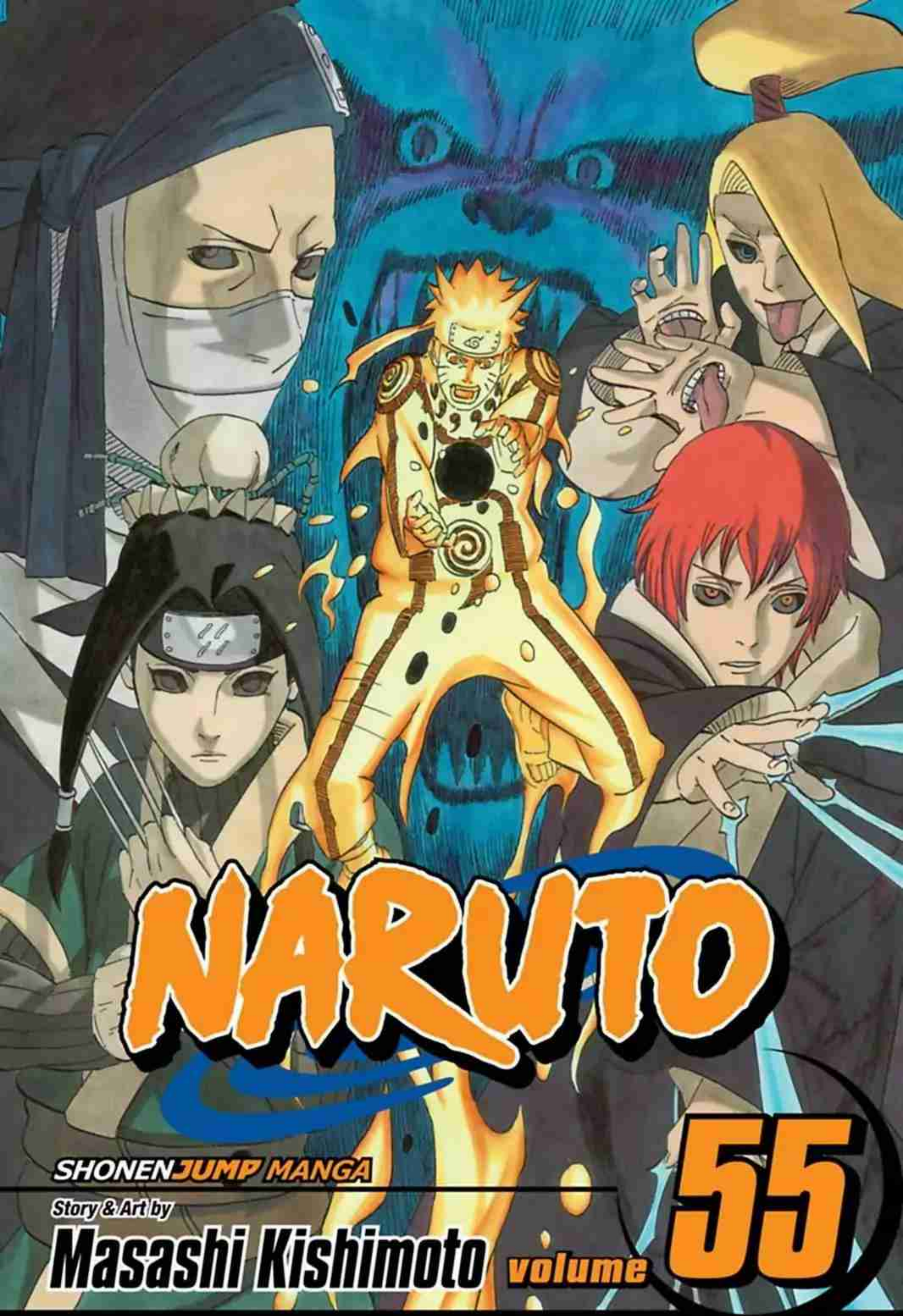
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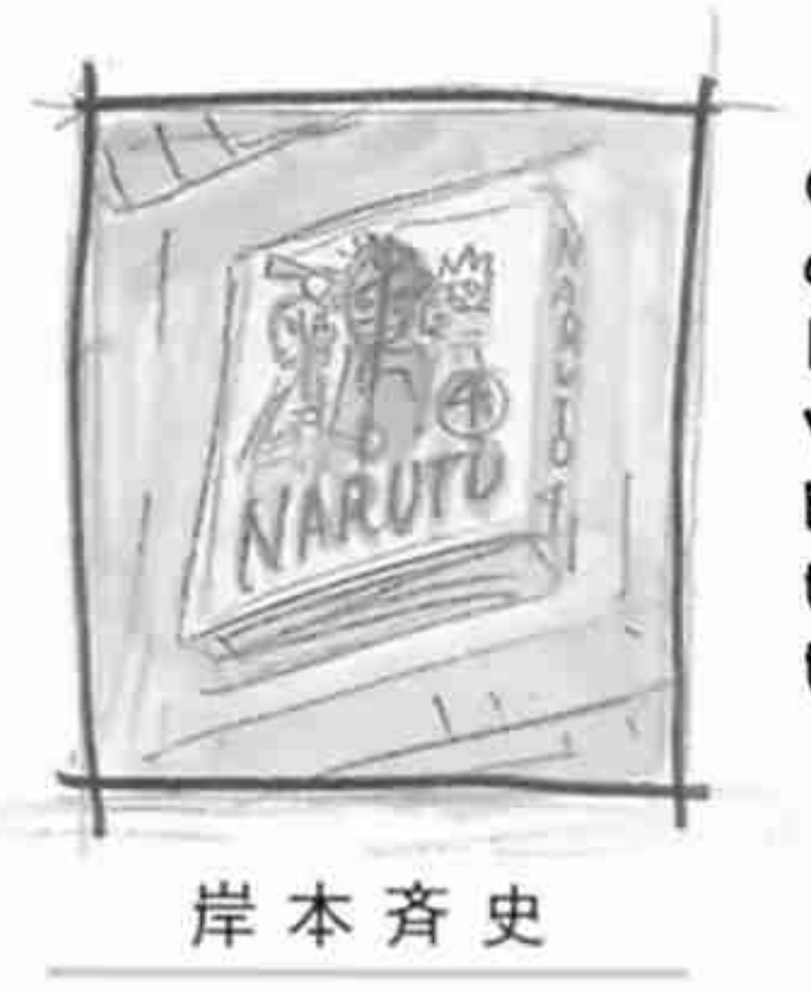

Quite a few dearly missed characters appear in this volume. I had to keep checking past volumes while drawing them because I'd forgotten some of their specs, which ended up taking way too long. Argh!!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2011

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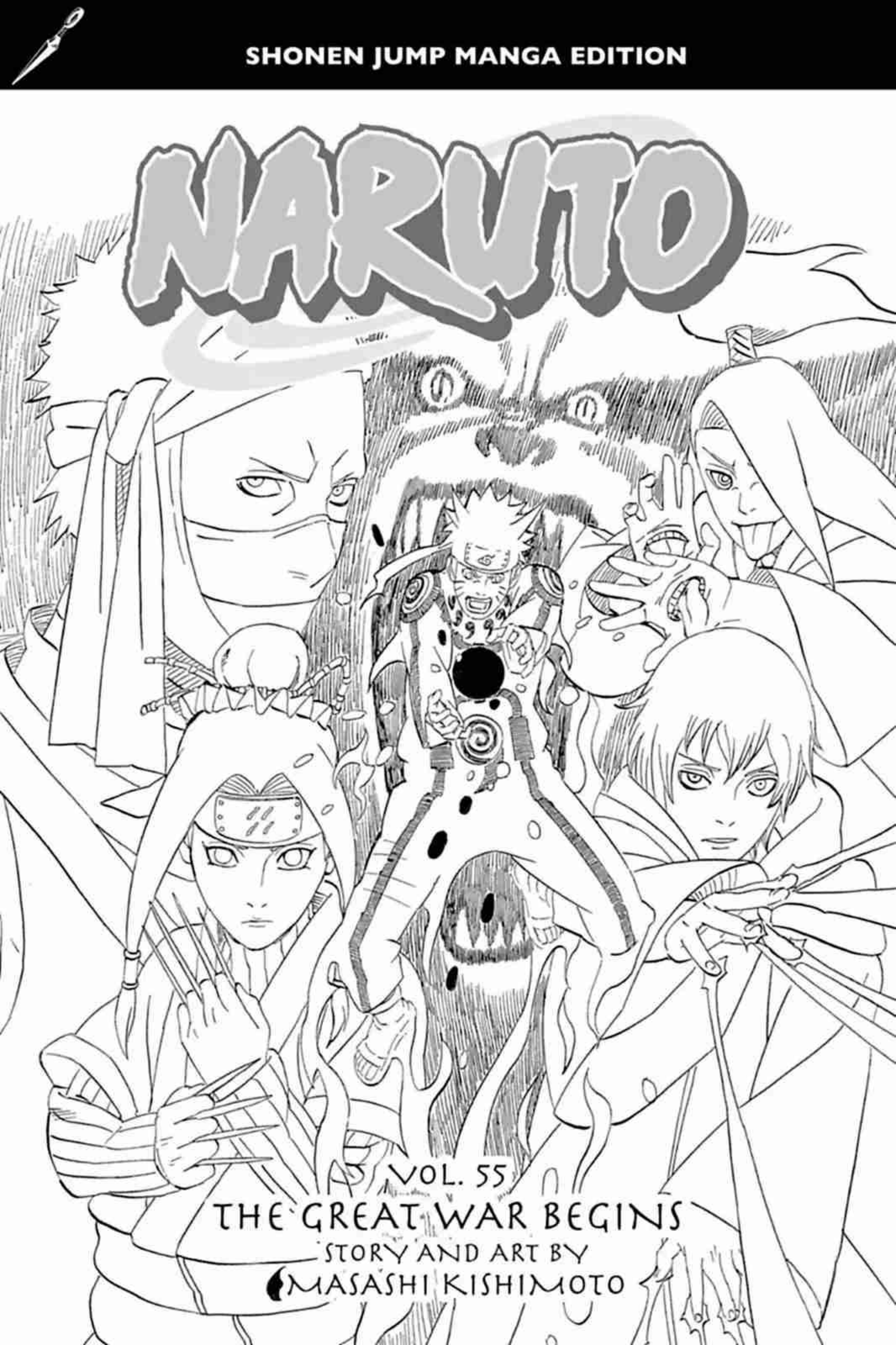

CHARACTERS

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Sakura サクラ

Sai サイ

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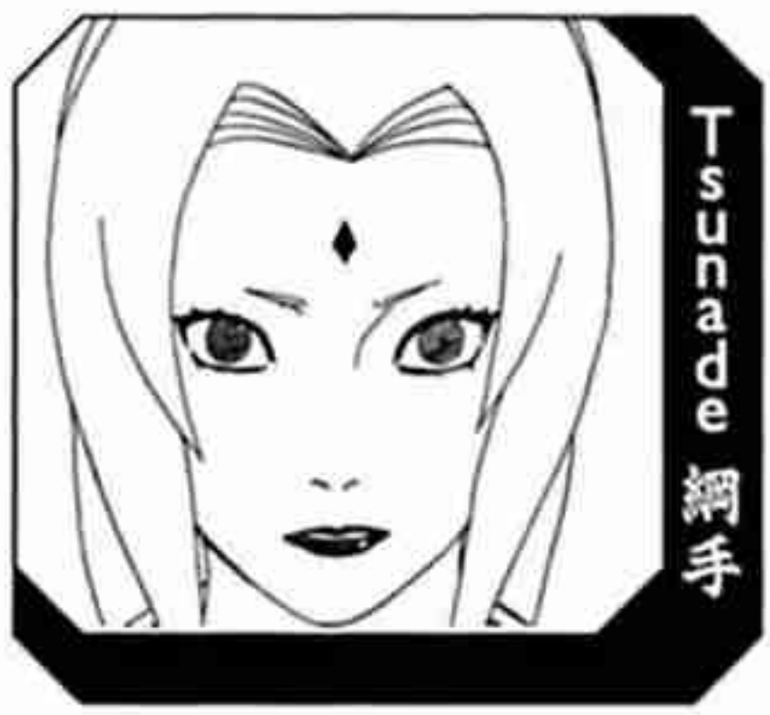
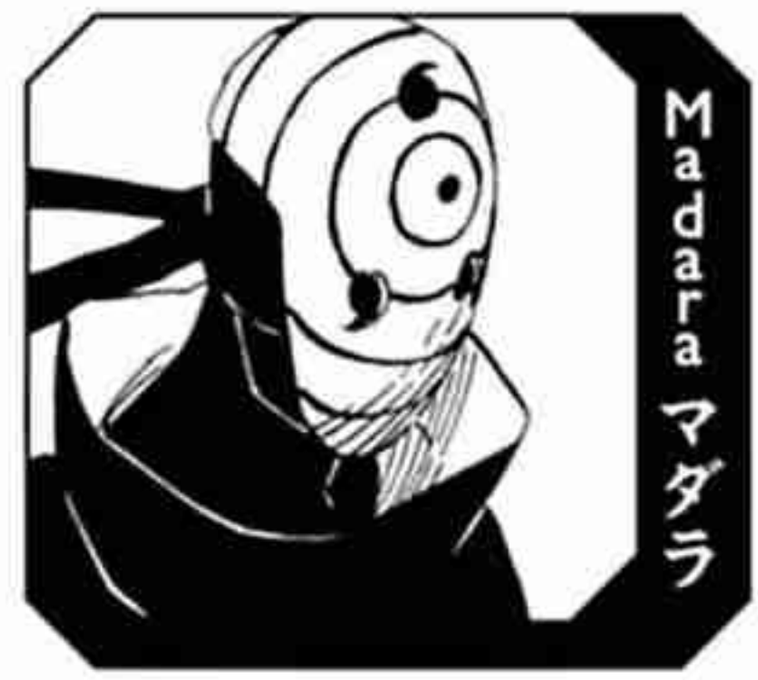

Tsunade 綱手

Gaara 我愛羅



THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power…

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Upon Madara's declaration of war, an Allied Shinobi Force is formed. As tensions rise in both camps, the Akatsuki pinpoint Naruto's location. Madara directs Kabuto to capture Nine Tails. Yamato heads out to intercept Kabuto and protect Naruto, but is captured instead!

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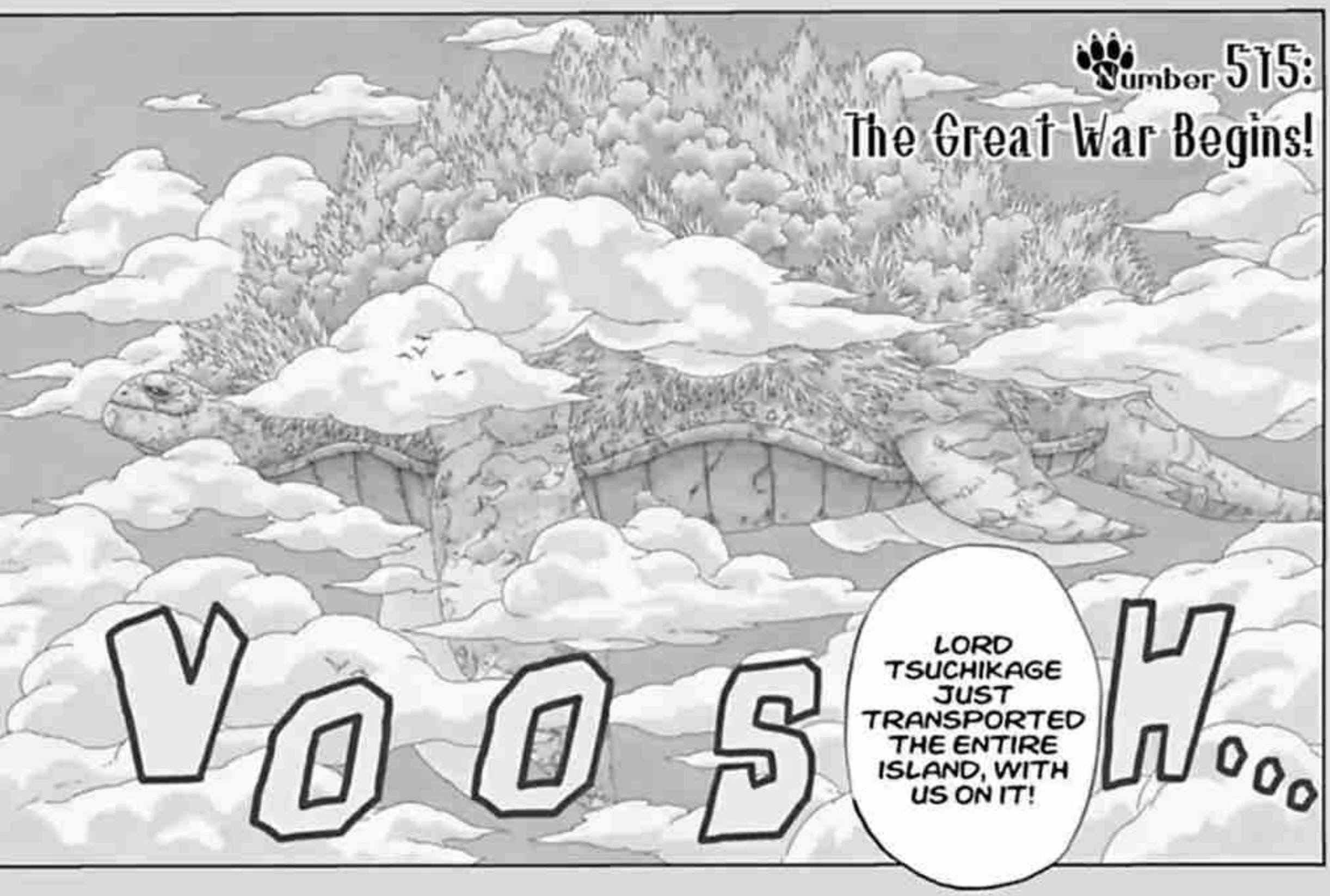
I HAD NO IDEA THAT HE COULD DO THIS!
UNBELIEV-ABLE!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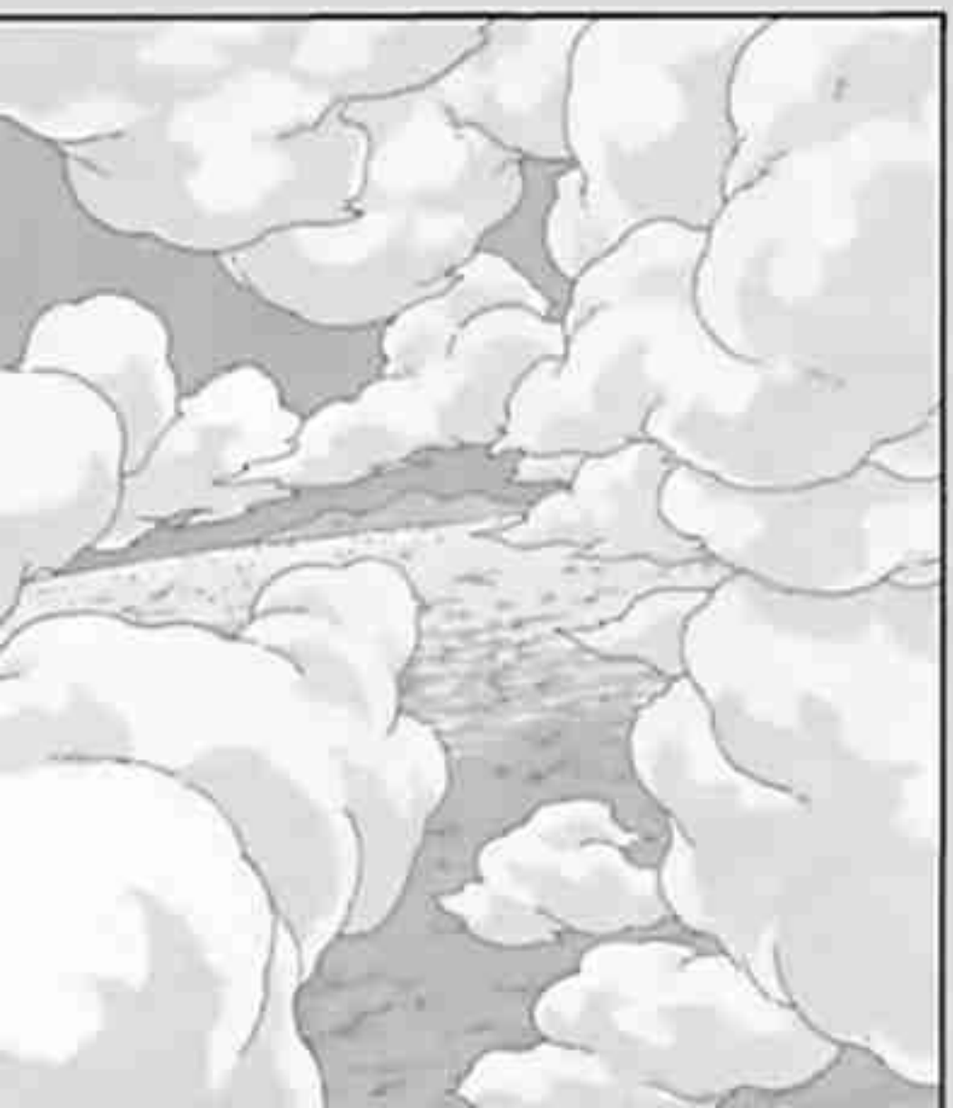
The Great War Begins!
YOOSH...
LORD TSUCHIKAGE JUST TRANSPORTED THE ENTIRE ISLAND, WITH US ON IT!



MAYBE WE SHOULD GO BY SEA. WHY ARE WE FLYING, ANYWAY?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
GAH, MY BACK'S GONNA GO OUT AGAIN!
SHUT UP, YOU FOOL! DO YOU WANT THAT GIANT SNAKE TO SNIFF US OUT AGAIN, AKATSUCHI?

Number 515: The Great War Begins!

IT'S COMING...
FOR THE FIRST TIME
SINCE THEY WERE BORN...
THEY WILL EXPERIENCE...
"WAR"!!
NARUTO
-ナルト-
BY JAPFLAP
515 : THE WAR BEGINS!
岸本斉史

NARUTO

WHAT IS UP WITH THIS ISLAND?

THE WORLD FLIPPED OVER AGAIN.

...

HE BETTER NOT HAVE BEEN HURT IN THE EARTH-QUAKE!

AND WHERE'S CAPTAIN YAMATO?

...

I WANT TO GO HOME TO KONOHA AND WAIT FOR SASUKE!

BUT I'VE FINISHED THE MISSION!

!

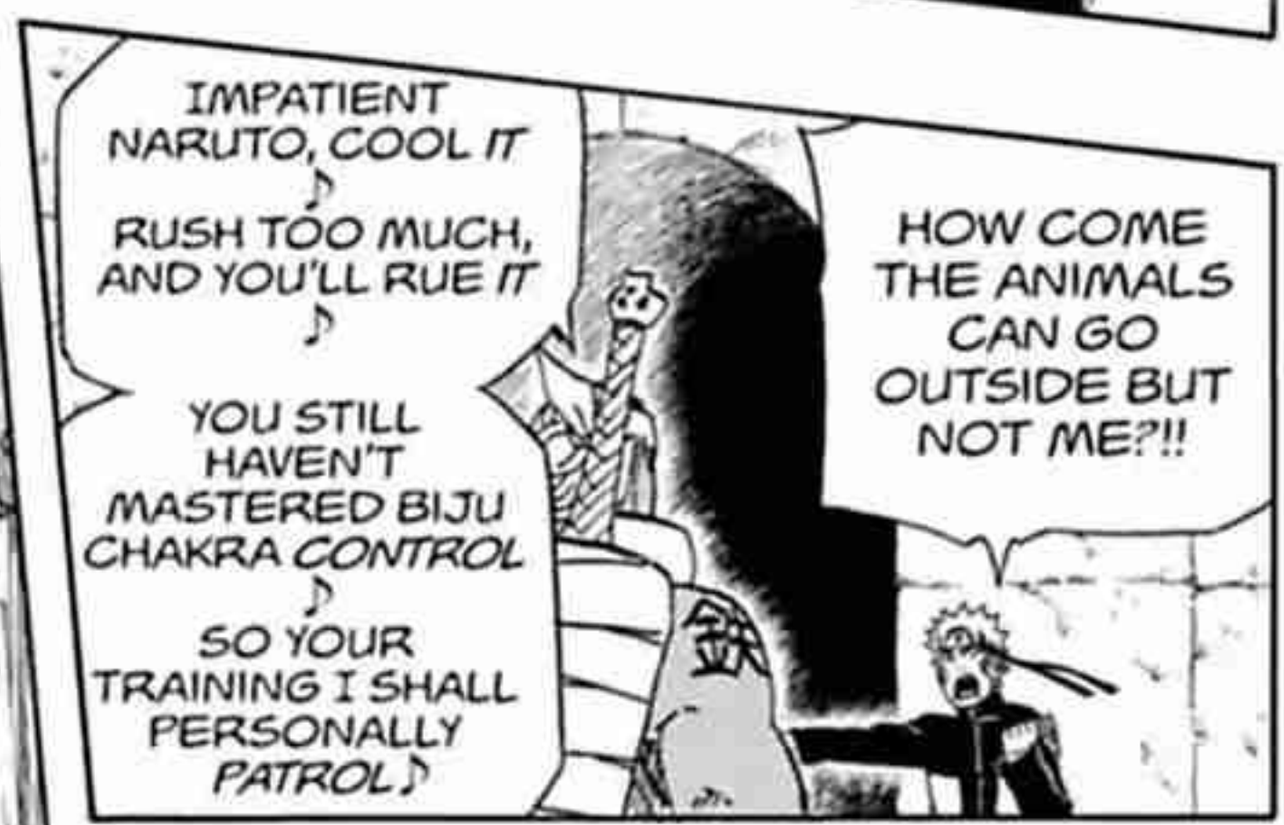
HE'S STILL INVESTIGATING. DON'T YOU WORRY.

TMP

I MADE AN OATH!

WHAT IS IT?!
!!!
WH-WHOA... SO MANY...!

THP
THP
THP
THP


IMPATIENT NARUTO, COOL IT ♪ RUSH TOO MUCH, AND YOU'LL RUE IT ♪
YOU STILL HAVEN'T MASTERED BIJU CHAKRA CONTROL ♪ SO YOUR TRAINING I SHALL PERSONALLY PATROL♪
HOW COME THE ANIMALS CAN GO OUTSIDE BUT NOT ME?!!

NOT TO BE MISTAKEN FOR WHAT'S ACTUAL OR TRUE ♪
ZWWW
WHEN WE FINISH THESE DRILLS, BIJU CHAKRA WILL FEEL LIKE AN EXTENSION OF YOU ♪

WHA
M

?!

WAP

CATCH 'EM WITH BIJU CHAKRA ♪

WAP

AND MAKE 'EM BALANCE USING BIJU AND YOUR OWN CHAKRA ♪

THEN STACK 'EM LIKE BUILDING BLOCKS, YA ♪

NICE, BEE!

YOUR TURN ♪

DONK

KLUNK KLATTER KLATTER

USING NINE TAILS CHAKRA, RIGHT?!!

YUP!

FSH

TNK

REEEE

TNK

REEEE

TNK

REEEE

WHOA!!

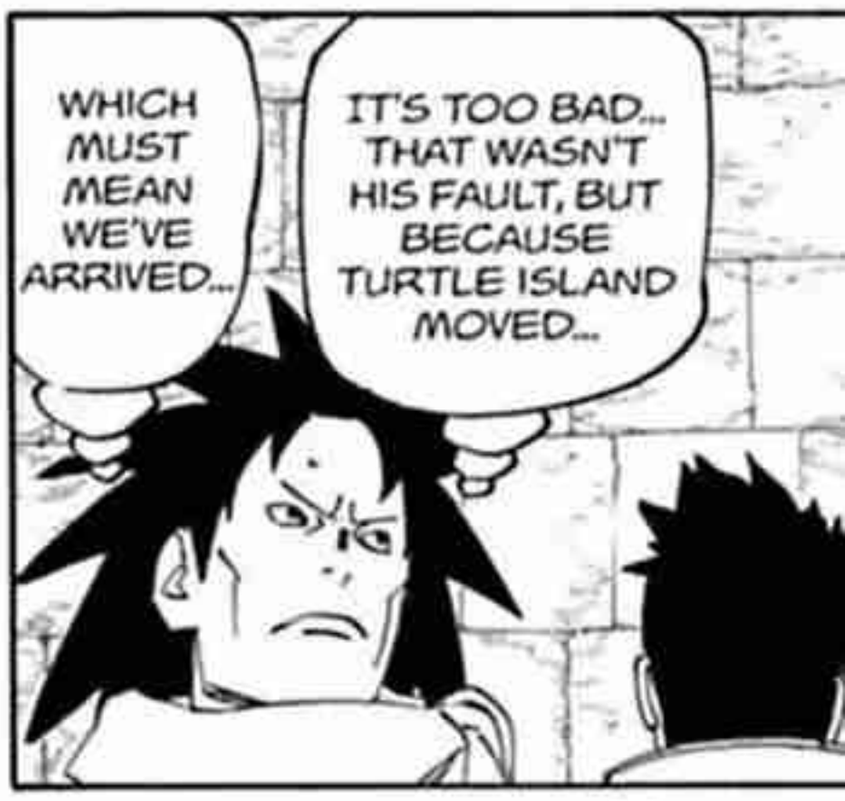
TMP

!

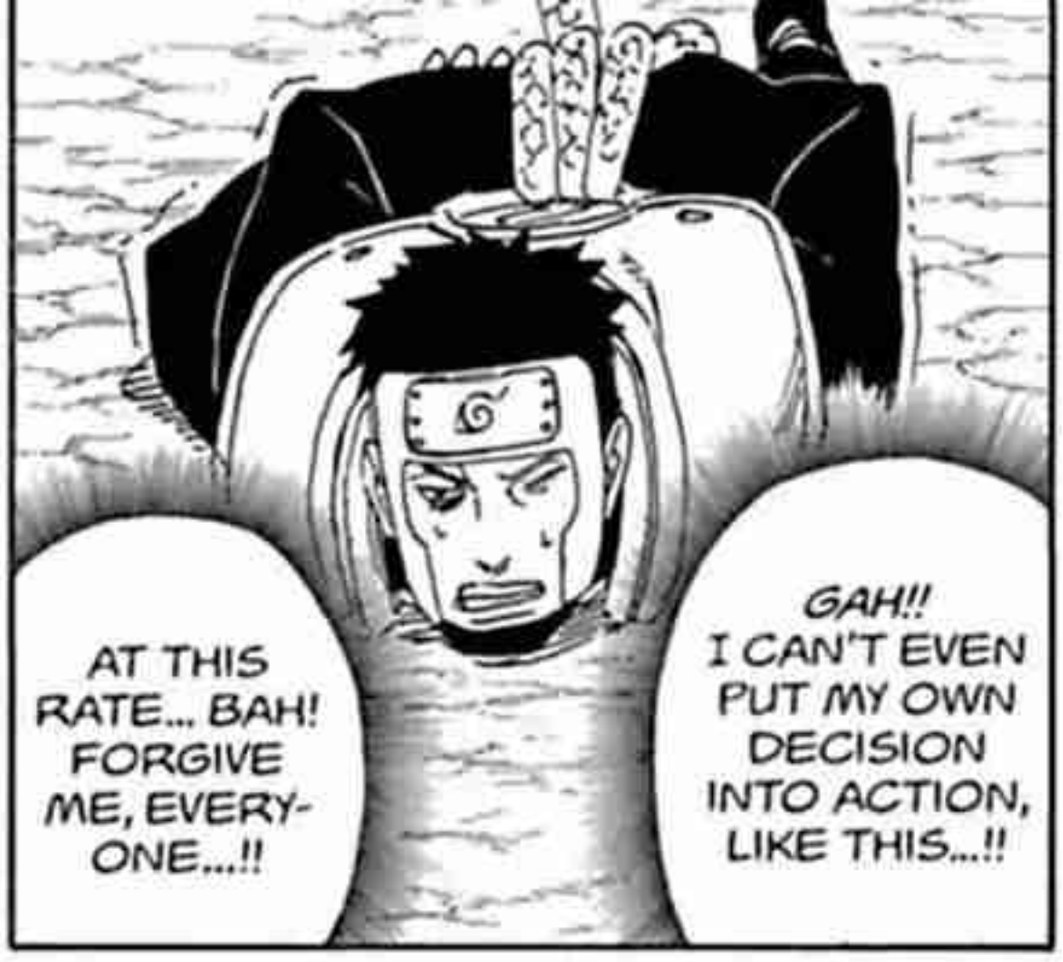
READ THIS WAY
ZWOO...
ALL RIGHT! HERE I GO!
I NEED TO STACK THESE BLOCKS SO THAT THEY DON'T FALL OVER.
BA
?!!
KBAM
BUZZZZ
HE DESTROYED THE ROCK... IT'S HARD FOR HIM TO EVEN GRASP?
GAH!
ONE MORE TIME!!
SWOO...
YOU MAY HAVE SOME CONTROL, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE FINE-TUNED, CHILD ♪
NO, NO, TOO WILD ♪
...
WHOO
TNK
WHOO...
OKAY ...!
EASY, EASY...

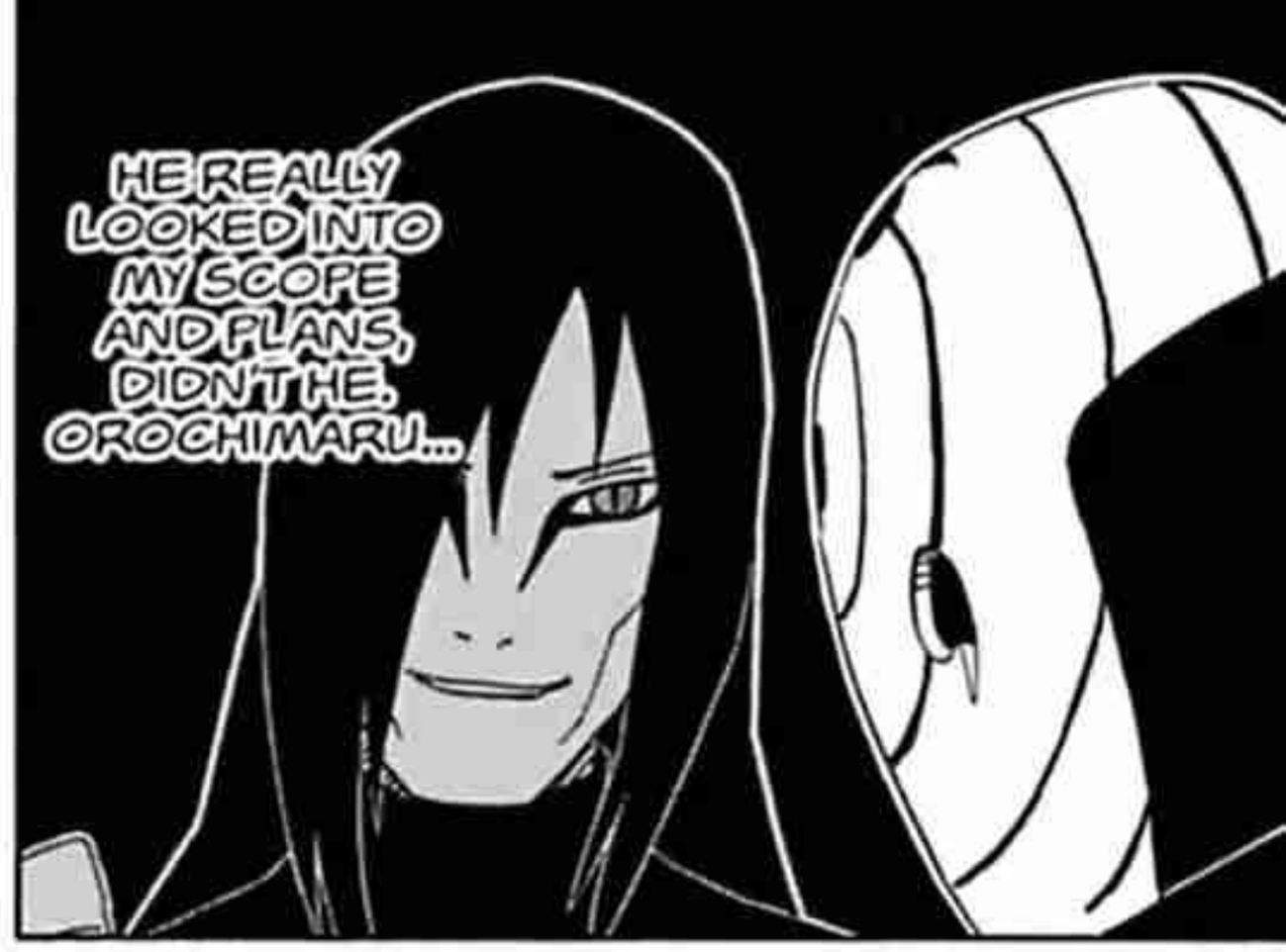
THOO M...

SPLOOSH...



READ THIS WAY
OH, BUT... THE FIRST PRIORITY IS EXTRACTING INTEL FROM YAMATO HERE.
THEN... THE ENEMY HAS EVEN MORE INTEL ON US...!!
LET'S GET GOING... I'LL EXPLAIN MORE INSIDE!
HOWEVER, THE MOKUTON USER WHO WAS NINE TAILS' GUARDIAN HAS BEEN CAPTURED.
BOTH EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS ARE SAFE.
IT WOULD BE EASY TO EXTRACT INTEL IF I USE THE RINNE NINGENDO'S JUTSU... BUT HE WOULD DIE...
SO IT'S BETTER TO KEEP HIM ALIVE TO MAKE ZETSU STRONGER?
YES...
JUST DON'T KILL HIM, OKAY?
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THE ZETSU STRONGER.
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T USE IT ON THE ZETSU.
IT'S A DRUG I DEVELOPED TO INHIBIT HASHIRAMA'S POWER...
KABUTO SURE HAS STUDIED FIRST HOKAGE HASHIRAMA'S CELLS THOROUGHLY.
...VENOM, HUH...! SO THAT'S HOW HE'S SUPPRESSING THE MOKUTON'S POWER.

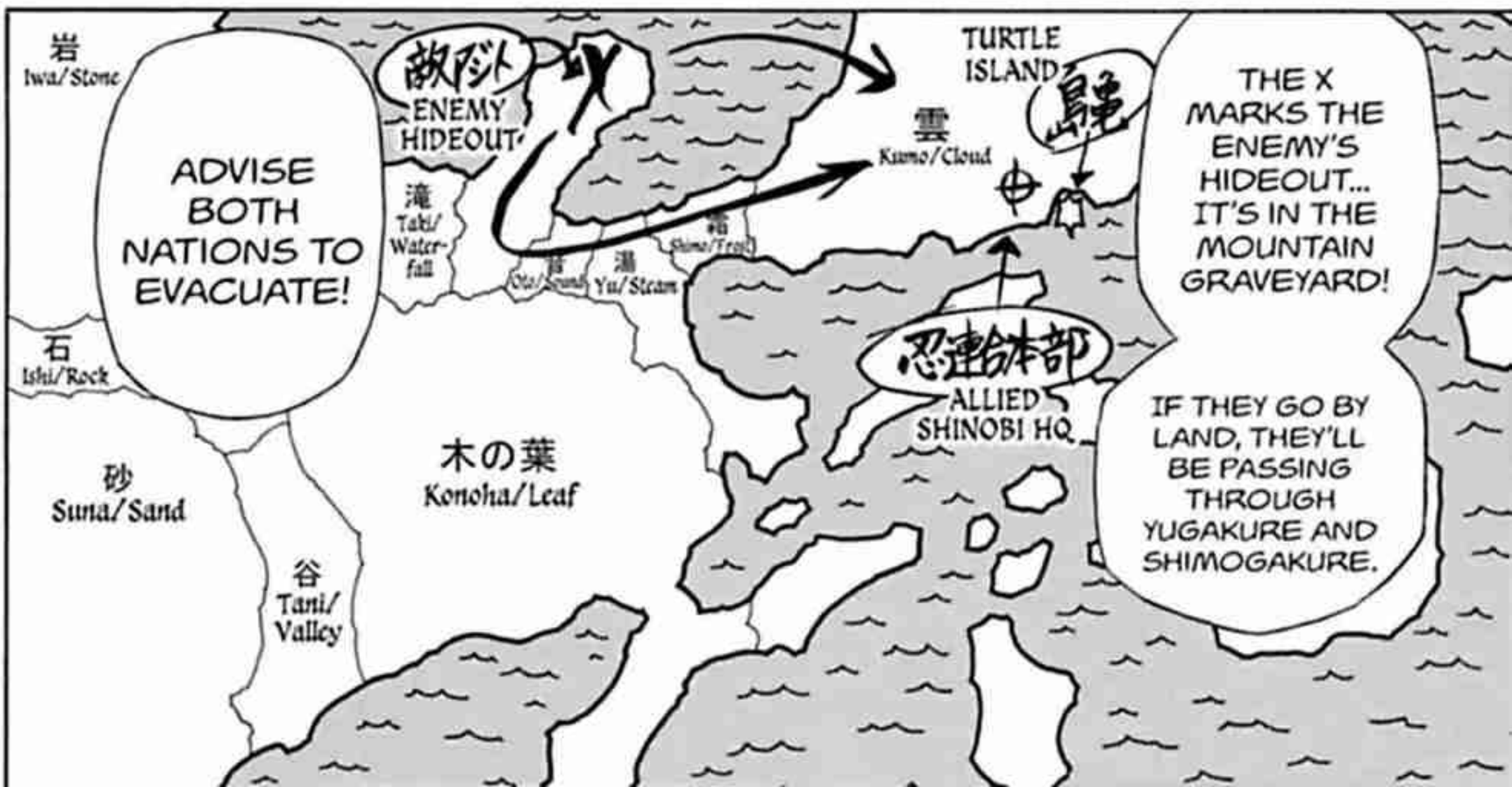

AT THIS RATE... BAH! FORGIVE ME, EVERYONE...!!
GAH!! I CAN'T EVEN PUT MY OWN DECISION INTO ACTION, LIKE THIS...!!


HE REALLY LOOKED INTO MY SCOPE AND PLANS, DIDN'T HE, OROCHIMARU...

AND ONCE WE KNOW WHO WE'RE FACING, I CAN SELECT THEIR WORST ENEMY TO SEND OUT AGAINST THEM.
EVEN WITHOUT USING THE RINNEGAN'S POWER, WE CAN EXTRACT ENOUGH INTEL WITH THE DOUBLE WHAMMY OF MY TRUTH SERUM PLUS YOUR SHARINGAN.

THAT'S KONOHA'S!
!!
WE GOT NEW INTEL!!

雷
FLAP


岩 Iwa/Stone
ADVISE BOTH NATIONS TO EVACUATE!
故アジト ENEMY HIDEOUT
滝 Taki/Waterfall
砂 Suna/Sand
湯 Yu/Steam
雷 Shimo/Frost
雲 Kumo/Cloud
TURTLE ISLAND
亀
THE X MARKS THE ENEMY'S HIDEOUT... IT'S IN THE MOUNTAIN GRAVEYARD!
忍連合本部 ALLIED SHINOBI HQ
石 Ishi/Rock
木の葉 Konoha/Leaf
砂 Suna/Sand
谷 Tani/Valley
IF THEY GO BY LAND, THEY'LL BE PASSING THROUGH YUGAKURE AND SHIMOGAKURE.

WHICH MEANS THE VICTOR SHALL BE DECIDED BY WHOEVER MAKES THE FIRST MOVE!

ACCORDING TO THE INFILTRATION & RECON UNIT, THE ENEMY NUMBERS AROUND 100,000...

CONSIDERING THE MOVEMENT OF SUCH A LARGE REGIMENT, ONLY A SMALL NUMBER WILL LIKELY TAKE THE SEA ROUTE, BUT WE'LL BE IN A BIND IF WE ARE SURROUNDED.

SHIKAKU, HELP THE INTEL UNIT CHECK THEIR CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION!

IN ADDITION, MAKE SURE THE LOGISTICS & MEDICAL UNIT IS WELL SUPPLIED WITH MEDICAL NINJA TOOLS!

THEN HAVE THE MAIN BATTLE REGIMENT DIVIDED INTO COMPANIES AS WELL, AND HAVE THEM RUN THROUGH THEIR FORMATIONS!!

CONVENE THE COMMANDO UNIT IMMEDIATELY!

YES, SIR!!

AAH! THEY'RE READY ALREADY!!

HERE'S YOURS.

THESE WERE COMPLETED WHILE YOU WERE AWAY, TSUCHIKAGE.

Y-YES, MA'AM!

CONTACT AO AND THE SENSORY UNIT! HAVE THEM HURRY, TOO!

I DESIGNED THEM... YOU MAY HAVE SQUABBLED IN THE PAST, BUT RIGHT NOW YOU ARE ONE.

SIMPLY "SHINOBI"!

HO... SO THESE WILL BE OUR ALLIED FORCE HEAD-BANDS, EH? NICE JOB!

BY THE WAY, THIS CHILD IS NOT FOR EATING!
NICE TO MEET YOU ALL!
I HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO LEAD THIS UNIT. MY NAME IS SHIZUNE!
LOGISTICS & MEDICAL UNIT CAPTAIN
SHIZUNE

I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU!
YOU'RE INOICHI?! I'M TENGA!
YES, SIR...
YOU DID YOUR BEST, AOBA.
INTEL UNIT CAPTAIN
YAMANAKA INOICHI

THIS YOUR FIRST WAR?
SIGH... WAR, EH.
YES...
OUR UNIT'S PERFORMANCE CAN GREATLY CHANGE THE FLOW OF BATTLE. DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!
SENSORY UNIT CAPTAIN
AO

THE DEAL

A FEW WORDS, PLEASE, ONCE THEY SETTLE DOWN.

NOW THEN... GAARA, YOU'RE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THIS, THE MAIN BATTLE REGIMENT...

CHATTER...

CHATTER...

MAIN BATTLE REGIMENT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
GAARA

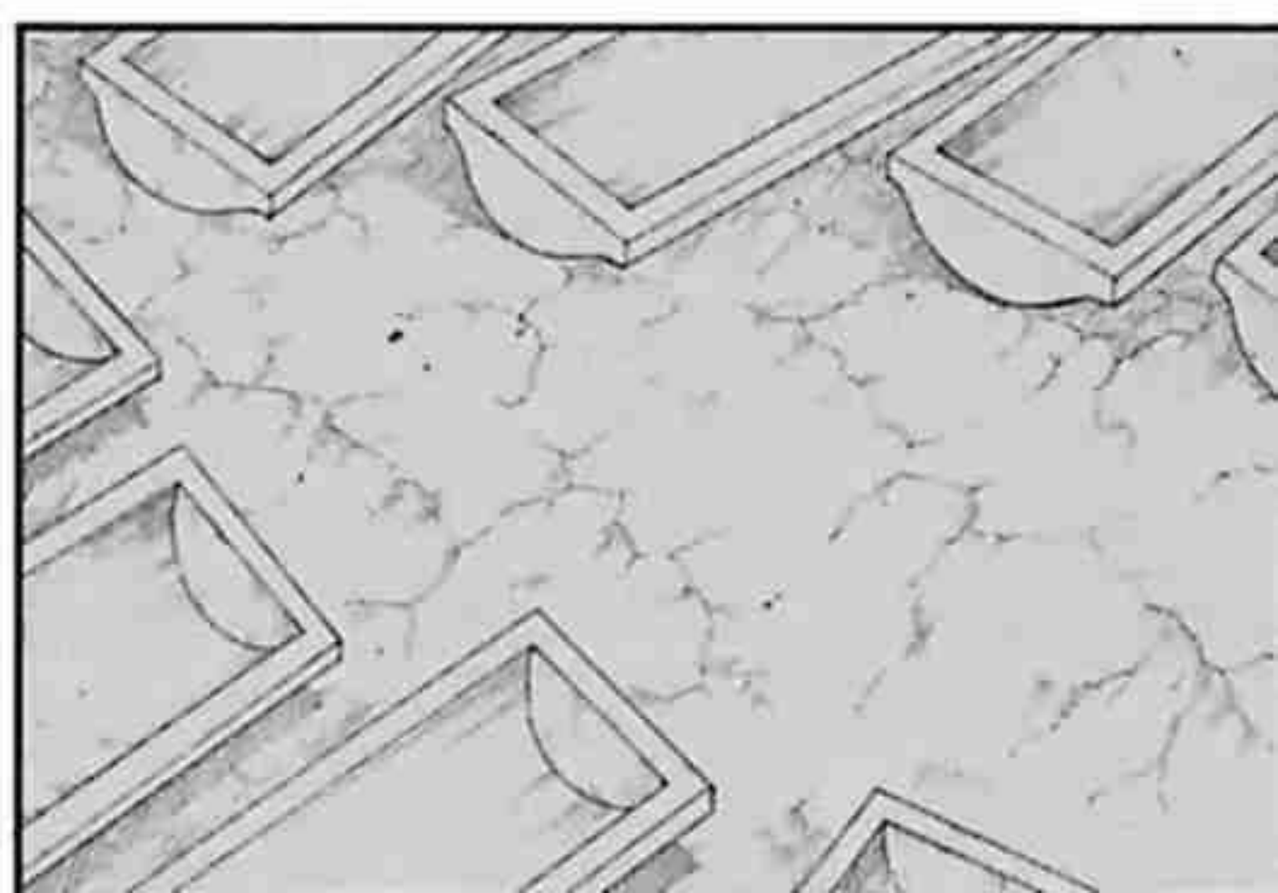
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PLUS FOURTH COMPANY CAPTAIN
GAARA
愛
...

SO YOU MAY BE DEPUTY CAPTAIN, BUT YOU'RE ESSENTIALLY FOURTH COMPANY CAPTAIN, ALL RIGHT?!
GAARA IS FOURTH COMPANY CAPTAIN, BUT HE'S ALSO OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.
GOTTA EAT WHILE I STILL CAN!!
WHAT A BOTHERSOME ASSIGNMENT... GAH.
FOURTH COMPANY · LONG-RANGE BATTLE UNIT

FIFTH COMPANY CAPTAIN
MIFUNE

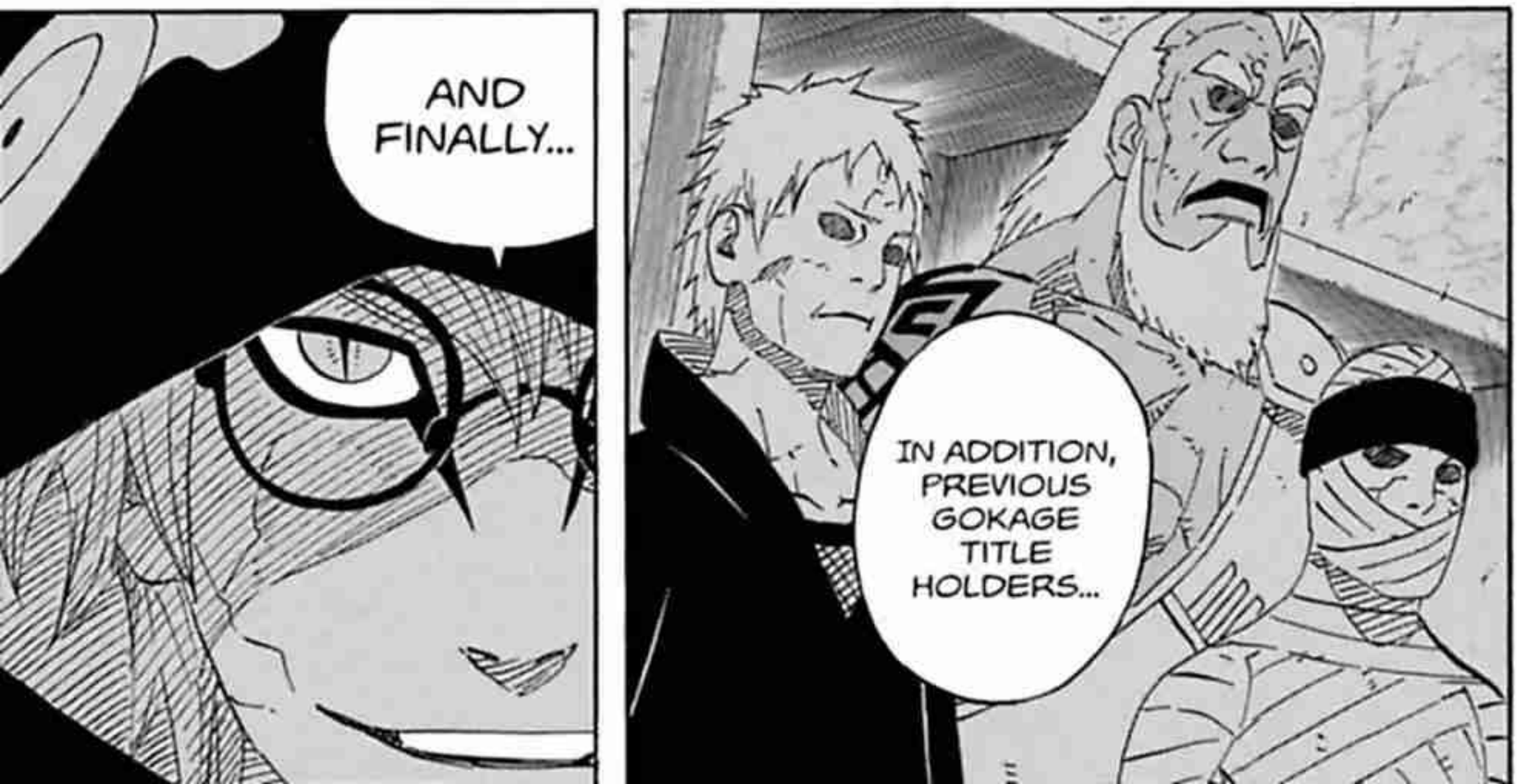
YOU OUGHT TO BE FINE, SHINO...
MUST AVOID FLASHY BEHAVIOR.
FOOL... DON'T YOU MAKE LIGHT OF WAR!
I'M GONNA MAKE A NAME FOR MYSELF IN THIS WAR AND QUALIFY TO BECOME HOKAGE!
FIFTH COMPANY · SPECIAL BATTLE UNIT

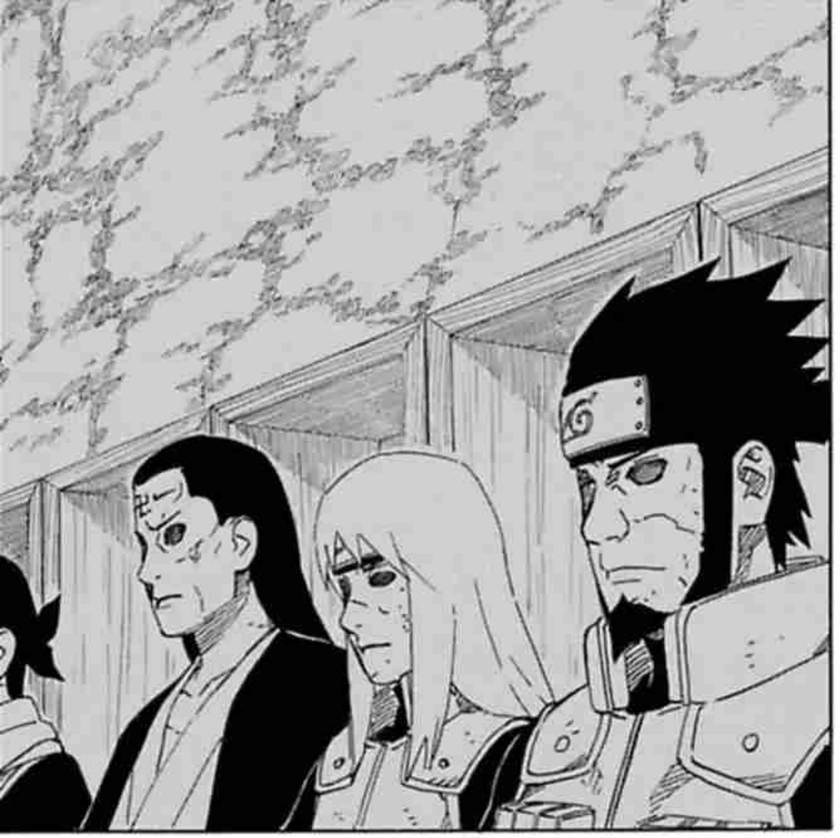
FIRST WE HAVE...



...FORMER AKATSUKI MEMBERS...

...THEN FORMER JINCHÛRIKI.





...A COLLECTION OF OTHER EXCEPTIONAL SHINOBI.

LET'S GO... THE WAR BEGINS!!

WUP!

愛

Number 516: Gaara's Speech

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO STAY HERE ON YOUR OWN!

YOU ALL GO BACK AND REPORT THIS TO THE MAIN FORCES IMMEDIATELY!

SHUT UP! JUST GO!!

I'LL STAY BEHIND AND INVESTIGATE THE HIDEOUT!

!

A LOT OF THEM!!

THEY'RE ON THE MOVE!

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

FIZZ

SSH...

MASTER ZABUZA...

YES. THIS DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE THE NEXT PLANE.

MY MIND IS CRYSTAL CLEAR... BUT MY BODY'S MOVING ON ITS OWN.

IT'S THE EDOTENSEI, A FORBIDDEN JUTSU.

WE'VE BEEN SUMMONED BACK TO THE CORPOREAL PLANE.

AND NOW WE WILL BE MADE TO FIGHT.

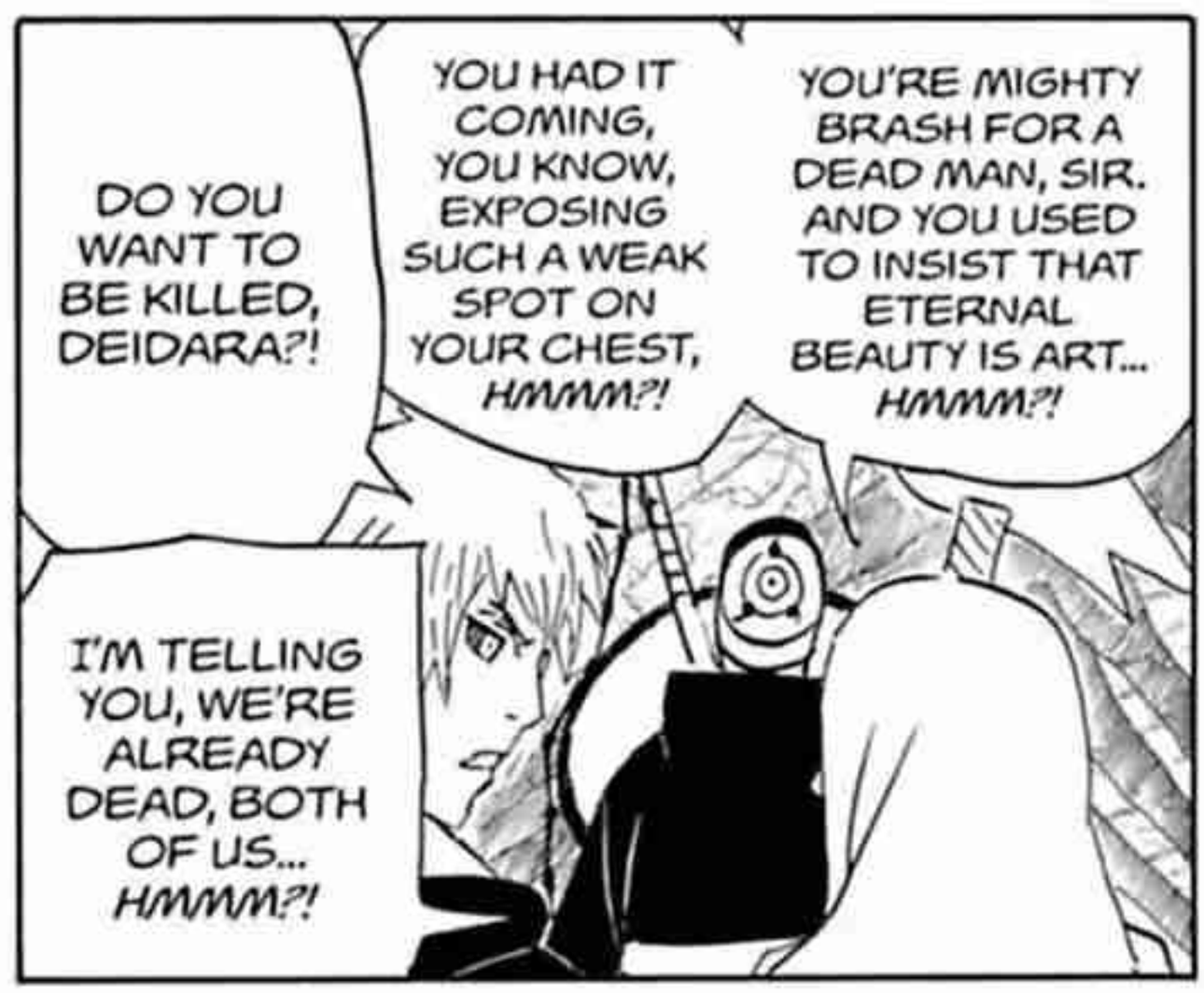
SOMEONE WHO'LL EVEN USE THE DEAD, EH.

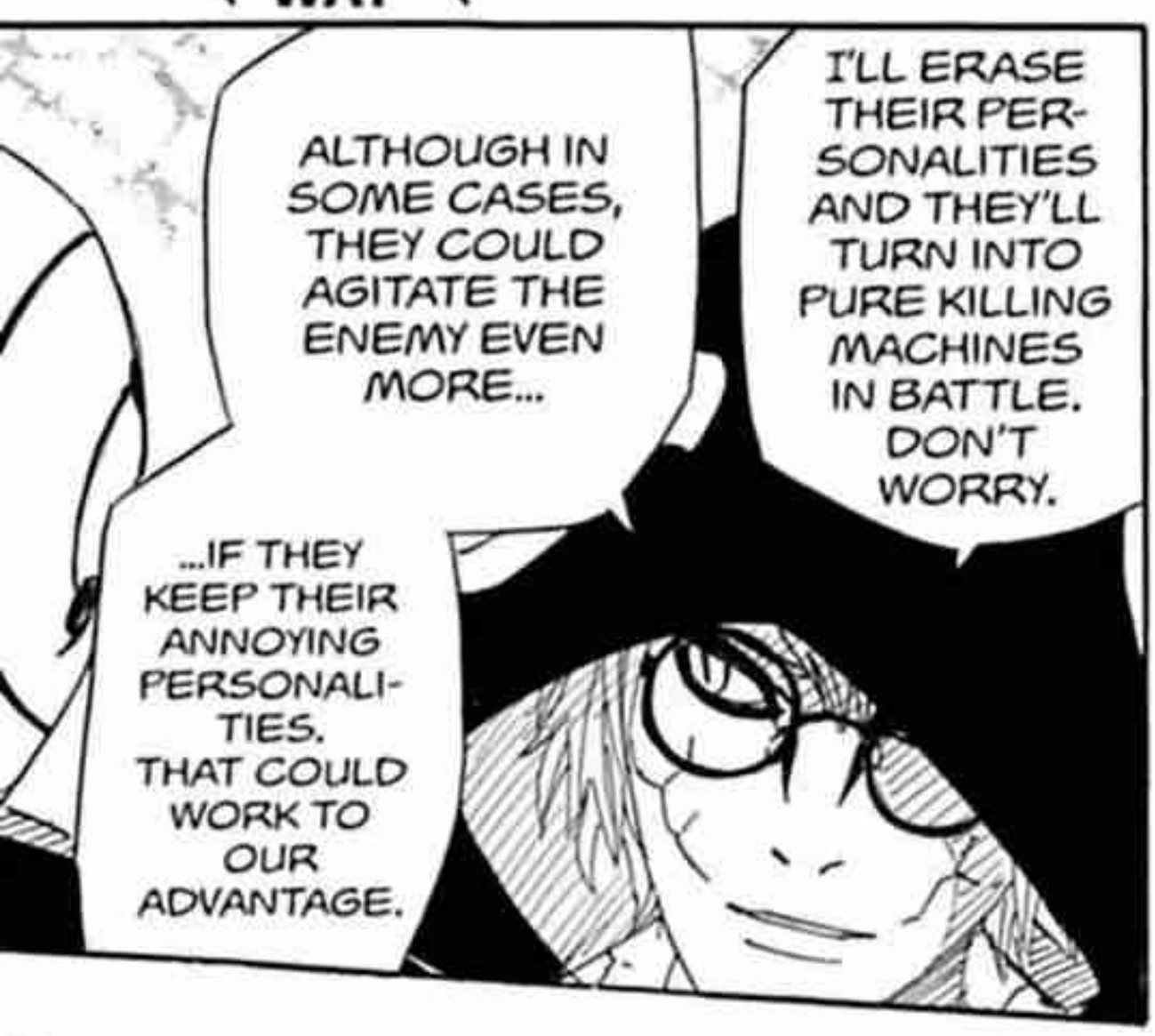
I DO NOT CARE TO BE USED BY ANY SUCH PERSON.

WHERE AM I?

CHUKICHI OF THE MIST AND YOU, FOUNDATION NINJA FROM KONOHA, YOUR JOB IS SENSORY INTEL AND SUPPORT.

SASORI AND DEIDARA, YOU ATTACK WITH EXPLODING TRAPS.




ALTHOUGH IN SOME CASES, THEY COULD AGITATE THE ENEMY EVEN MORE...
...IF THEY KEEP THEIR ANNOYING PERSONALITIES. THAT COULD WORK TO OUR ADVANTAGE.
I'LL ERASE THEIR PERSONALITIES AND THEY'LL TURN INTO PURE KILLING MACHINES IN BATTLE. DON'T WORRY.

IT IS A BIT DIFFICULT TO CONTROL SO MANY REANIMATED SHINOBI.
WHICH IS WHY I'M JUST FOCUSING ON GETTING THEM INTO PLACE RIGHT NOW.
ONCE THERE, I'M IN TOTAL CONTROL.
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS GOING TO WORK?
SHUP

YES. WE ARE UNITED IN DEATH, YOU AND I.
THIS IS A FORBIDDEN JUTSU WHERE SOULS OF THE DEAD ARE SUMMONED TO INHABIT THE BODIES OF LIVING SACRIFICES.
MASTER DAN?!
SLOW

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS....
...
WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

THE 100,000 WHITE ZETSU WILL TRAVEL UNDER-GROUND.
THAT'LL KEEP THEM HIDDEN LONG ENOUGH.

HEH.
ZETSU WILL STAY BEHIND AS SASUKE'S GUARDIAN.
OTHERWISE I'VE GOT NO GUARANTEE YOU WON'T TRY TO WHISK HIM AWAY WHILE I'M DISTRACTED BY THE WAR.

YOU'RE NOT TAKING TWO-TONED ZETSU.

ZWWW...

ZWWW...

ZW...

READ THIS WAY
TIME FOR US TO HEAD OUT.
BUT FIRST...
FORGIVE US, CAPTAIN ANKO!! PLEASE BE SAFE!
SHOOM
?!
WHIRL

FLAP

FLAP

SHUUU

MULTIPLE STRIKING SHADOW SNAKES!!

MUTA, LANKA! KEEP RUNNING!

I'LL STOP THEM HERE!

WHAT?

SCREECH

!!

IT'S JUST AS KABUTO SAID. THREE OF 'EM, TOWARDS TWO O'CLOCK.

...O...VER... THERE...

愛
...
CHATTER
CHATTER

忍

AND I DON'T TRUST YOU, SO WATCH YOUR MOUTH.
HUMPH! HOW WOULD I KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM?! WE'VE BARELY BEEN ON THE SAME SIDE FOR A MINUTE!

DON'T DISPARAGE WHAT YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT!
LORD GAARA IS NOT YOUR AVERAGE YOUNG MAN!
WILL WE BE ALL RIGHT WITH SUCH A YOUNG COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF...?

YOU SAND SHINOBI KILLED MY FATHER! I'LL AVENGE HIM BY KILLING YOU!!
WHAT?! YOU WANNA FIGHT?!
HEY! STOP!

IT CAN'T BE HELPED. ENEMIES AREN'T GOING TO JOIN UP AND FIGHT ON THE SAME SIDE OVER-NIGHT WITHOUT SOME PROBLEMS.
NO ONE TRUSTS EACH OTHER.
ESPE-CIALLY STONE AND SAND.

UGH!
WISH
!!
!

SIGH...

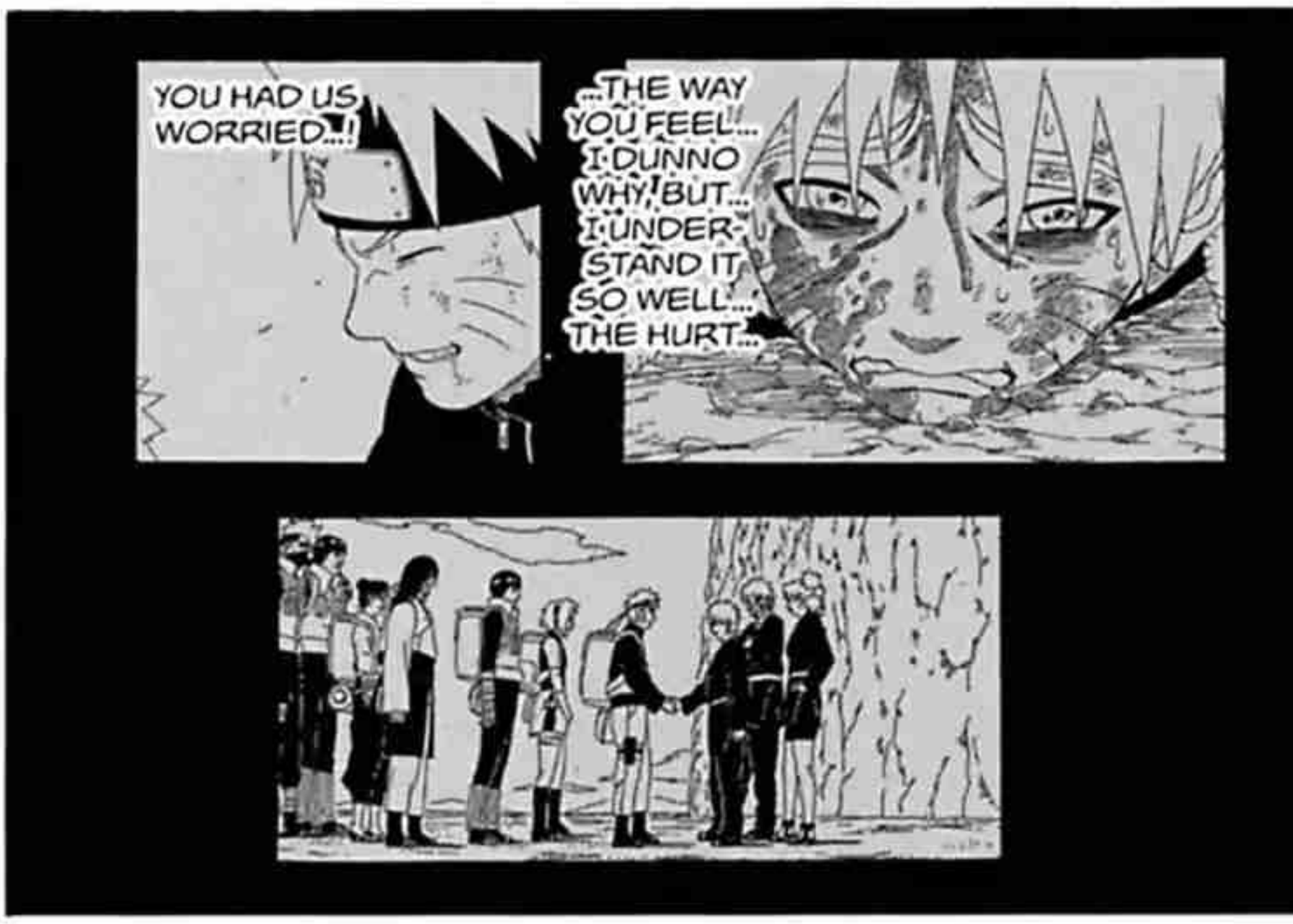
!!
SWOO...

THAT HATRED DESIRED POWER, AND I WAS BORN.
IN THE NAME OF GAIN AND PROFIT FOR ONE'S NATION AND VILLAGE...
...SHINOBI HAVE HATED AND HURT EACH OTHER FOR MANY YEARS, FROM THE FIRST TO THE THIRD GREAT WARS.

IN THE PAST, I WAS HATRED AND POWER, AND A JINCHŪRIKI.
...

I HATED THIS WORLD AND ALL PEOPLE. AND I OFTEN THOUGHT ABOUT DESTROYING BOTH.

IN SOME WAYS, I WAS NO DIFFERENT THAN THE AKATSUKI IN MY PLANS.



THUMP
FSH
THERE CAN BE NO BAD BLOOD BETWEEN THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERI-ENCED THE SAME PAIN!
HE SAVED ME!!
WE WERE ON DIFFERENT SIDES, BUT WE WERE BOTH JINCHŪRIKI.

HE CALLED ME FRIEND EVEN THOUGH WE HAD DONE BATTLE!!
THAT SHINOBI CRIED FOR ME, HIS ENEMY!

FOR WE ALL BEAR THE PAIN OF HAVING BEEN HURT BY THE AKATSUKI!
THERE ARE NO ENEMIES HERE IN FRONT OF ME!!
THERE IS NO SAND, NO STONE, NO LEAF, NO MIST OR CLOUD!!

THERE IS ONLY SHINOBI!!

...

THE TIDE HAS TURNED.

IF YOU STILL CAN'T FORGIVE SAND...
...YOU CAN COME BACK AND FACE ME WHEN THIS WAR IS OVER!!

...LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH !!
I AM TOO YOUNG! TOO INEXPERIENCED! SO PLEASE...

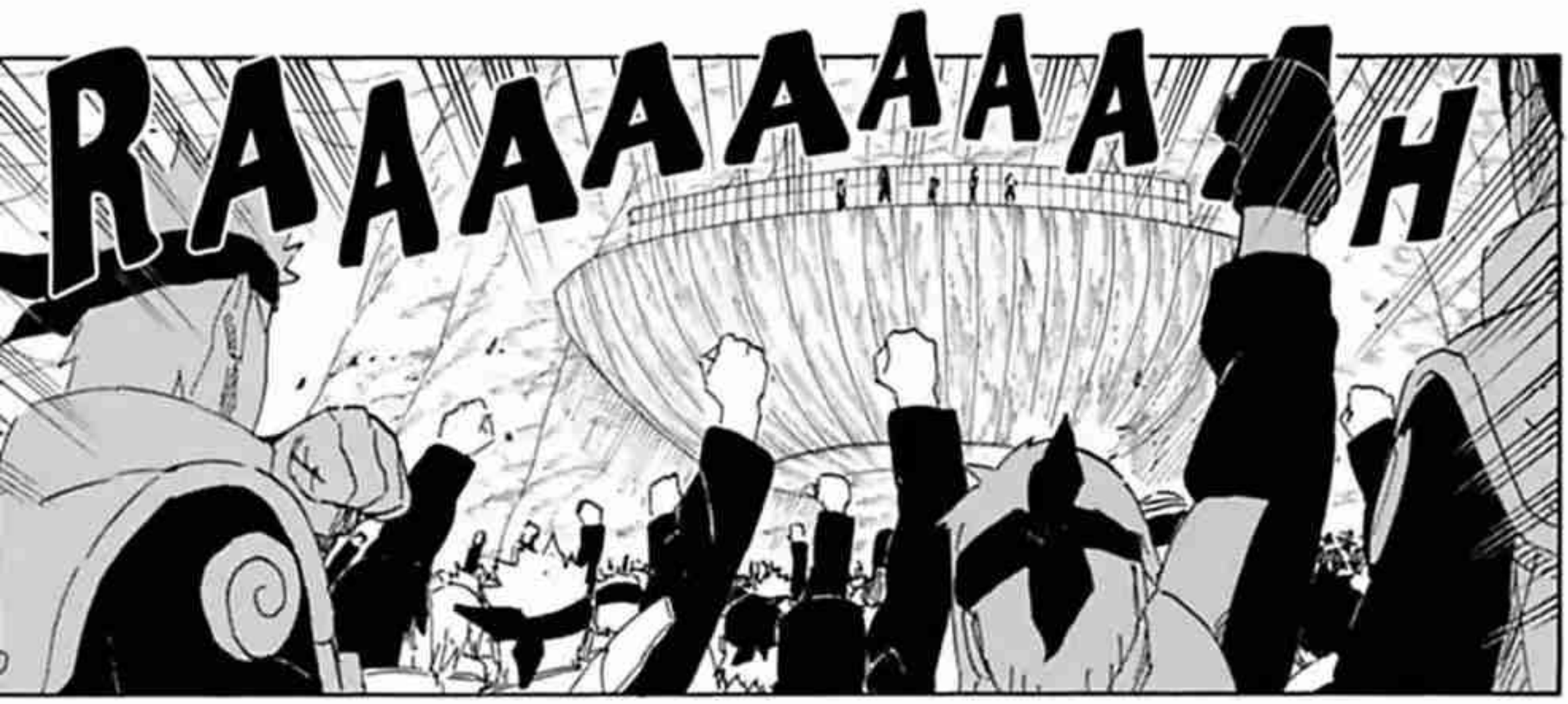
IF HE FALLS INTO THEIR HANDS, THIS WORLD AS WE KNOW IT IS FINISHED!!
THAT FRIEND WHO SAVED ME IS NOW A TARGET OF OUR ENEMY!!!
I WANT TO PROTECT THAT FRIEND, AND THIS WORLD!!

RAAAH
...YES...
APOLO-GIES.
...APOLO-GIES...

WHOO !!
RAAAAH
OF COURSE, LORD GAARA!!

RAAAH
ALL WHO FEEL AS I DO, FOLLOW ME!!

RAAAH
NOT TOO BAD, GAARA!
LORD GAARA...!


RAAAAAAAAH

NICELY DONE.
RRR
RRRR

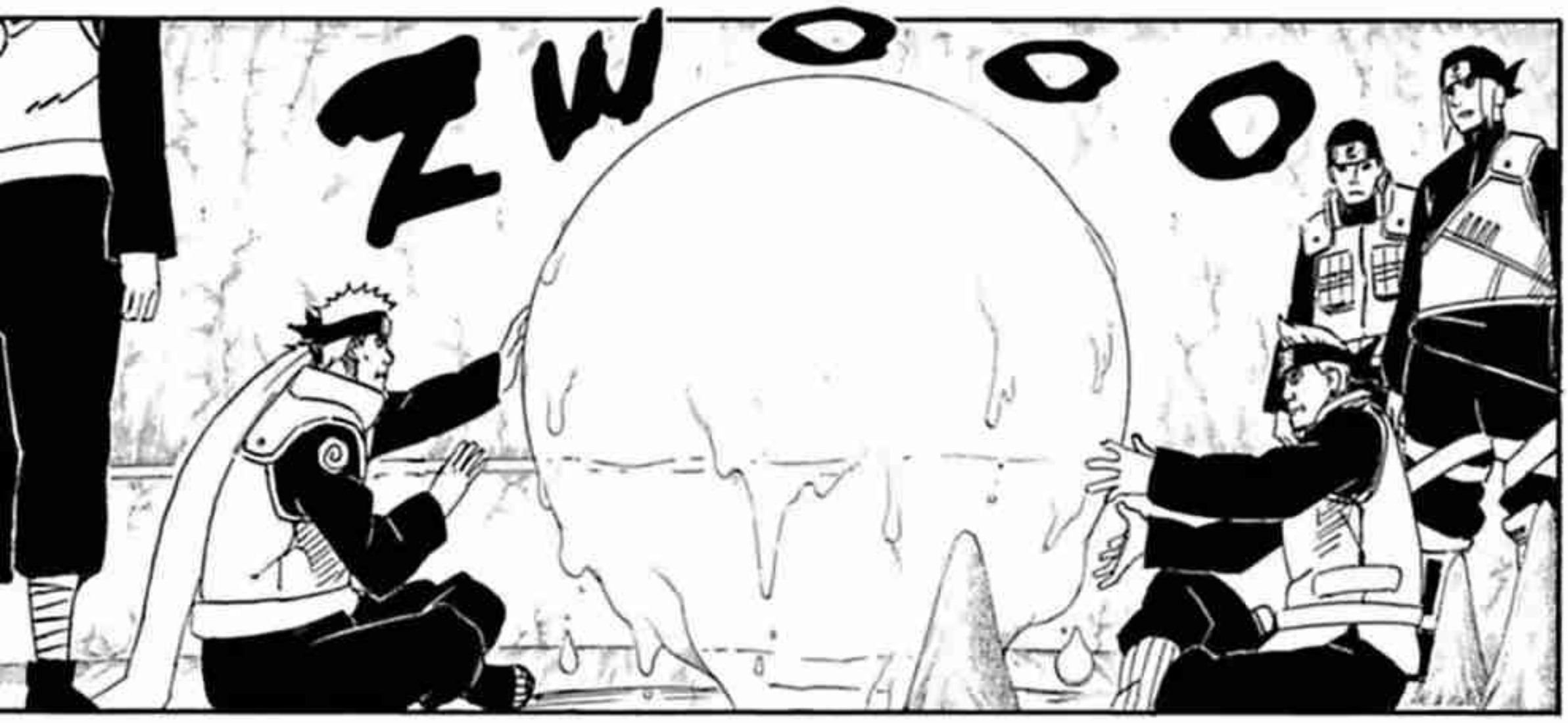
YEAH!!

I DID IT!

BZP
?!
BZP

NEXT IS THE FINAL DRILL... SAD BUT TRUE, IT'S HARD TO PROCEED ♪ BUT WE MUST MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DEED ♪

ZOOOOM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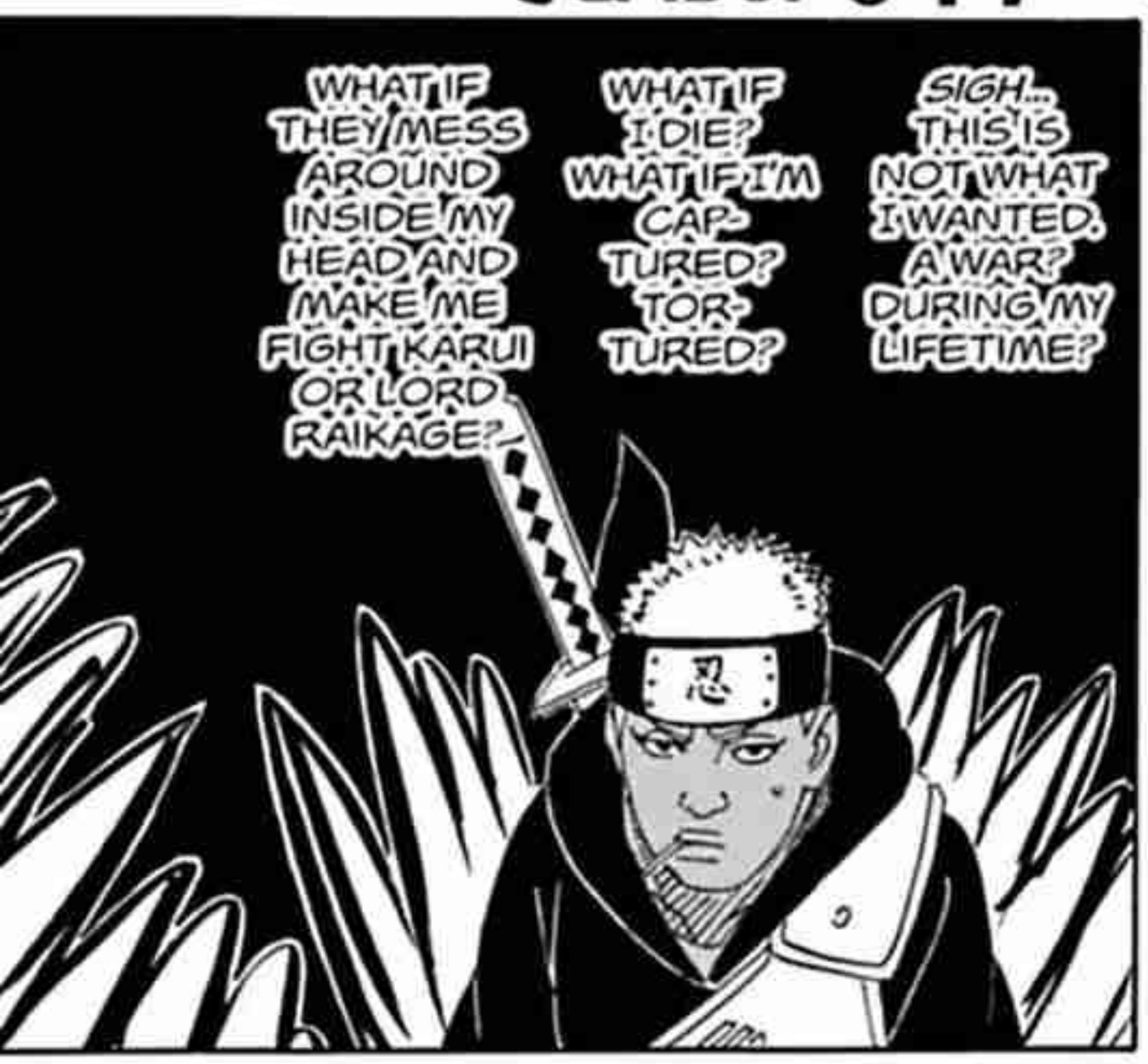
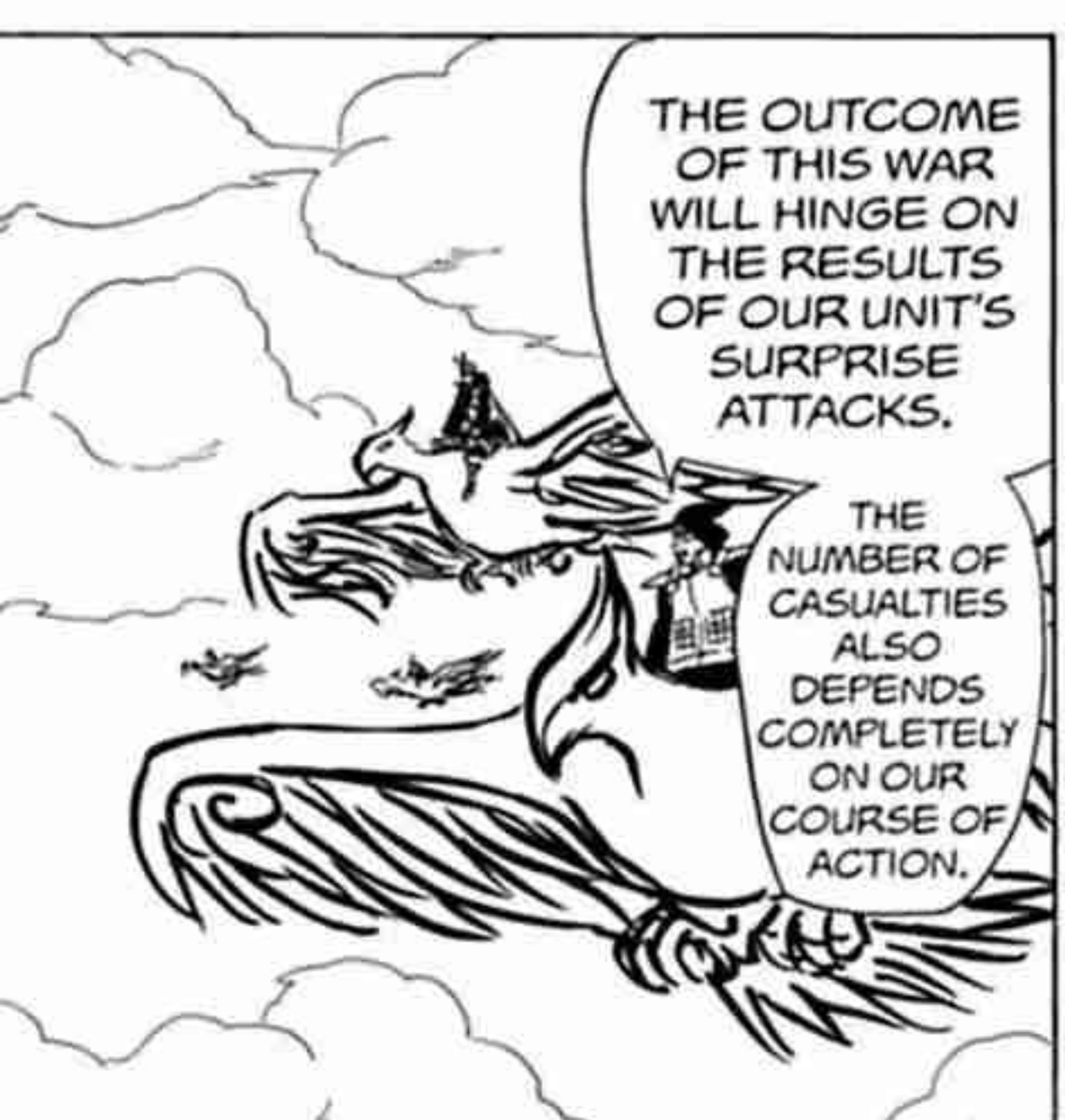
WE WILL!
THIS FOURTH GREAT NINJA WAR... WE **WILL** WIN IT!
WAFT
YES!!
WAFT

NARUTO

Number 517: Omoi's War!!





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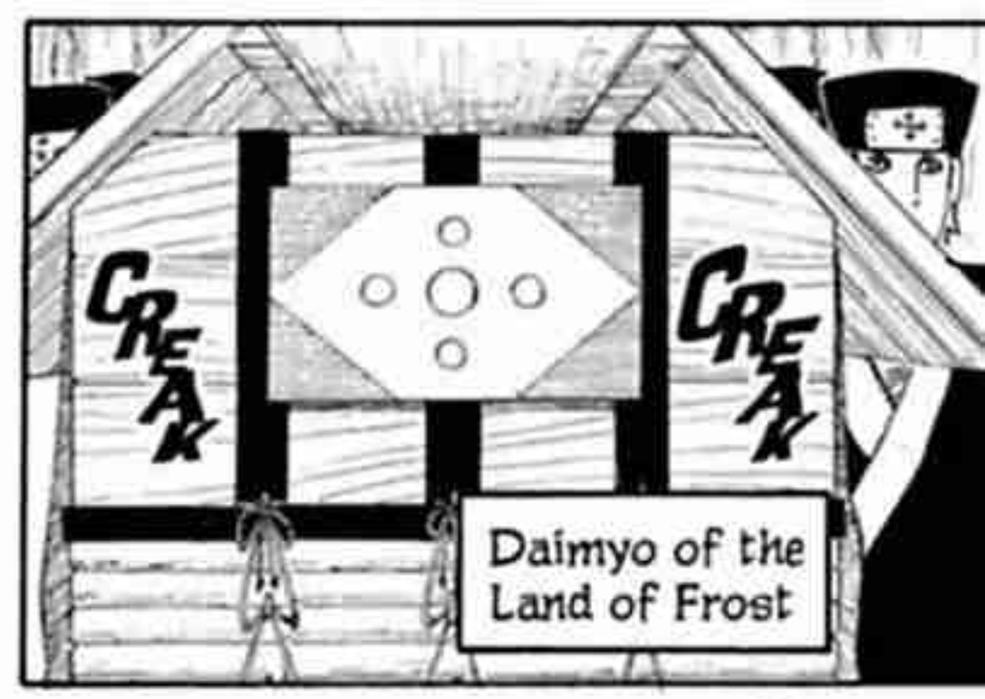
IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS!
SO THINK ONLY OF SUCCEEDING!

WAP
WAP
THE NORTH WILL LIKELY BECOME A BATTLEFIELD.
HEAD SOUTH THROUGH YOUR LAND TO KONOHA.

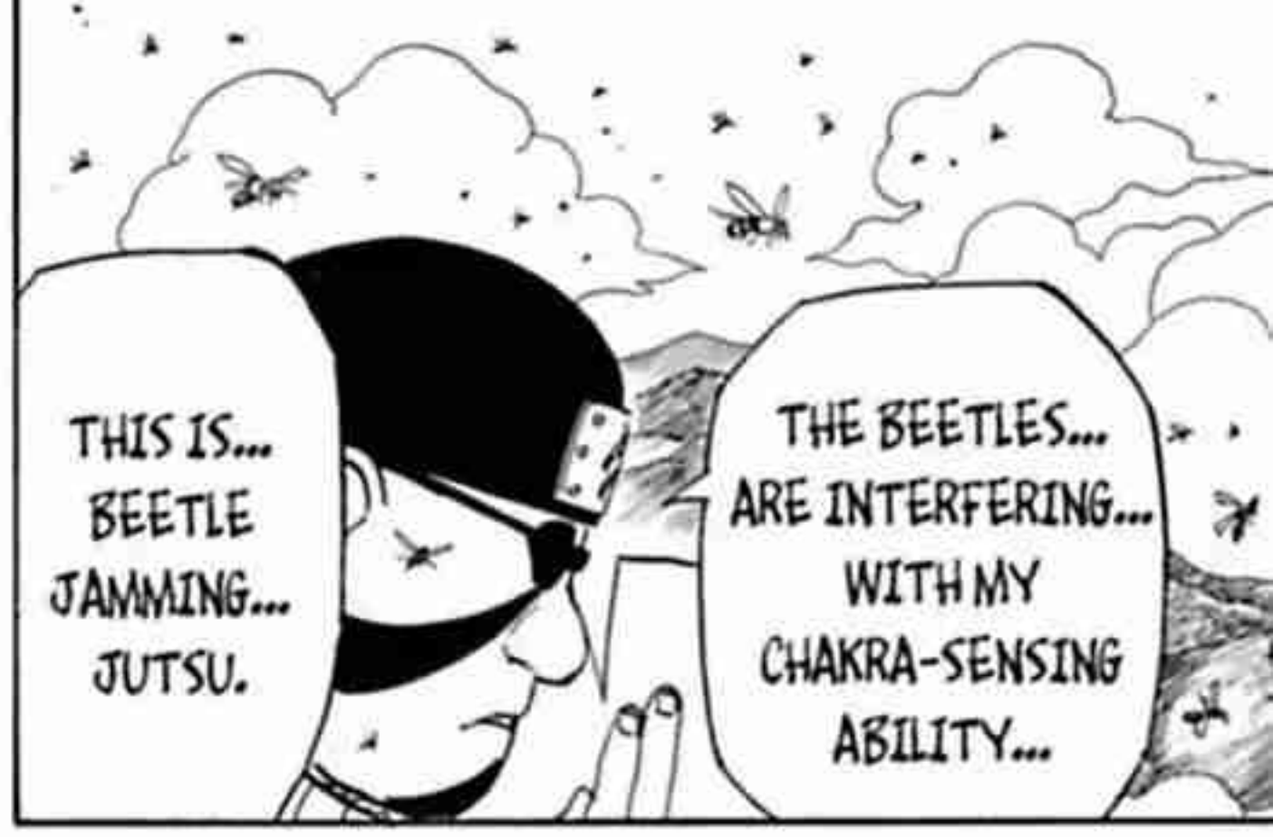
Daimyo of the Land of Steam
SO, WHICH WAY DO WE FLEE?

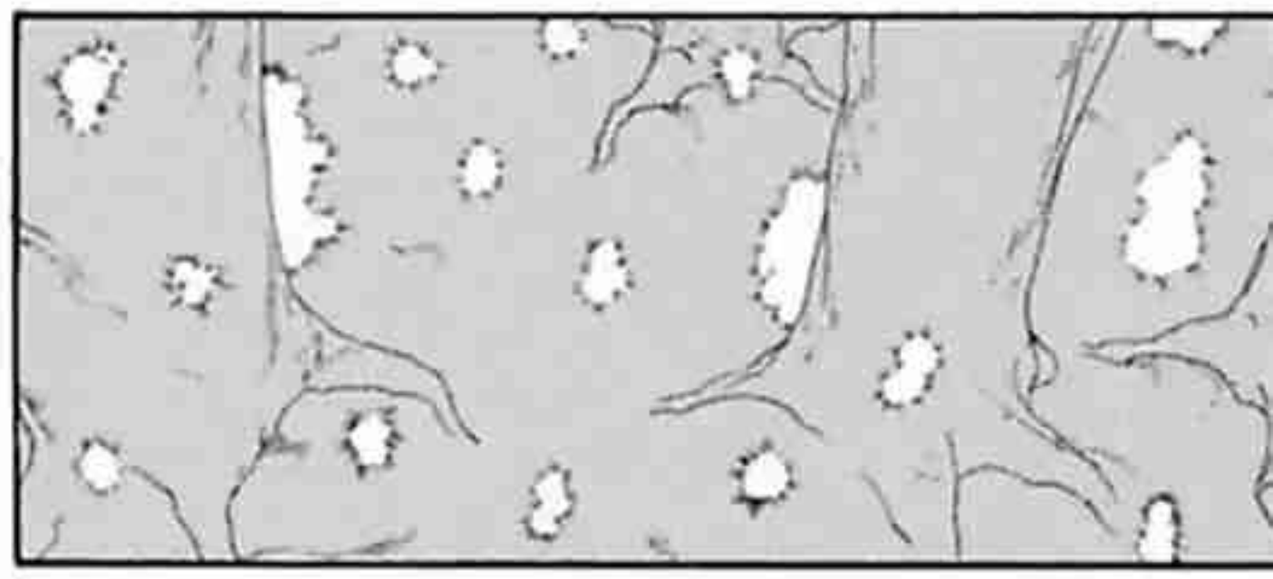
JUST A LITTLE LONGER, MILORD.
IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE. WE'RE STILL NOT THERE YET?


CREAK
CREAK
Daimyo of the Land of Frost

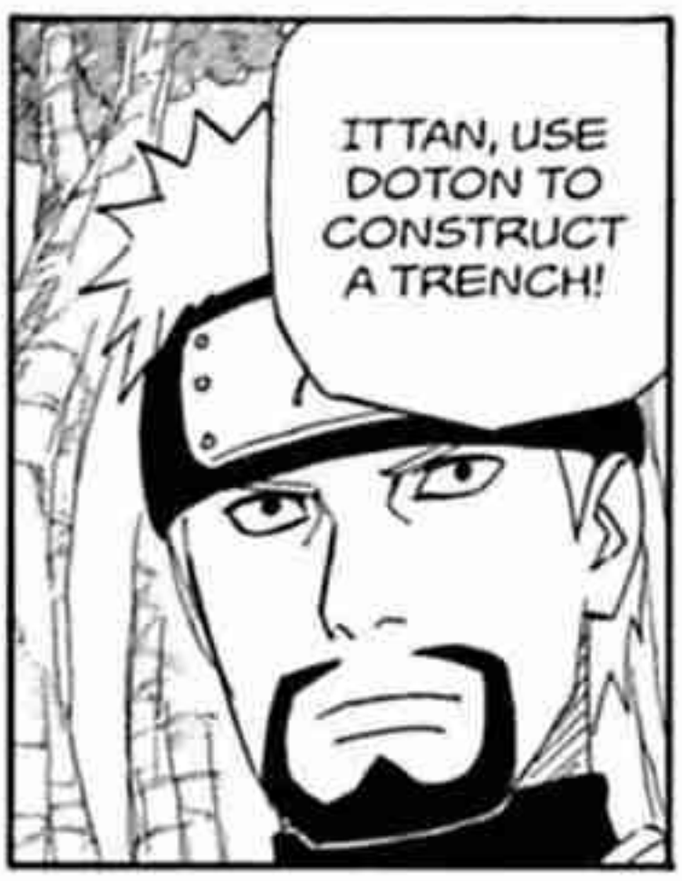
READ THIS WAY
GET IT SAFELY TO HQ.
FLAP
HUF
BZZZ
HUF
I GOT SEPA-RATED FROM LANKA.
HUF
HUF
VA
BOO
I NEED TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE MAIN REGIMENT!
UGH...
ANNOYING BEETLES, HMMM?!
THEY KEEP MOVING AROUND, ALWAYS OUT OF SIGHT. BOTHER-SOME.
UGH!
G-
G-
G-

BUT THEY BETTER NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE OUR ART COMBO!!
THESE INFILTRATION & RECON UNIT GUYS ARE SKILLED.


THIS IS... BEETLE JAMMING... JUTSU.
THE BEETLES... ARE INTERFERING... WITH MY CHAKRA-SENSING ABILITY...



WE CAN HEAD OUT FROM HERE TO LAUNCH SURPRISE ATTACKS AND SET TIME-DELAYED EXPLOSIVE TRAPS!
WE'LL MAKE OUR STRONGHOLD HERE AND BUILD A MINI-BASE.
WE'RE ALREADY INSIDE ENEMY TERRITORY.
ZWOO-


ITTAN, USE DOTON TO CONSTRUCT A TRENCH!

SAI, YOU'LL REMAIN ON AERIAL SURVEILLANCE!
YESSIR!

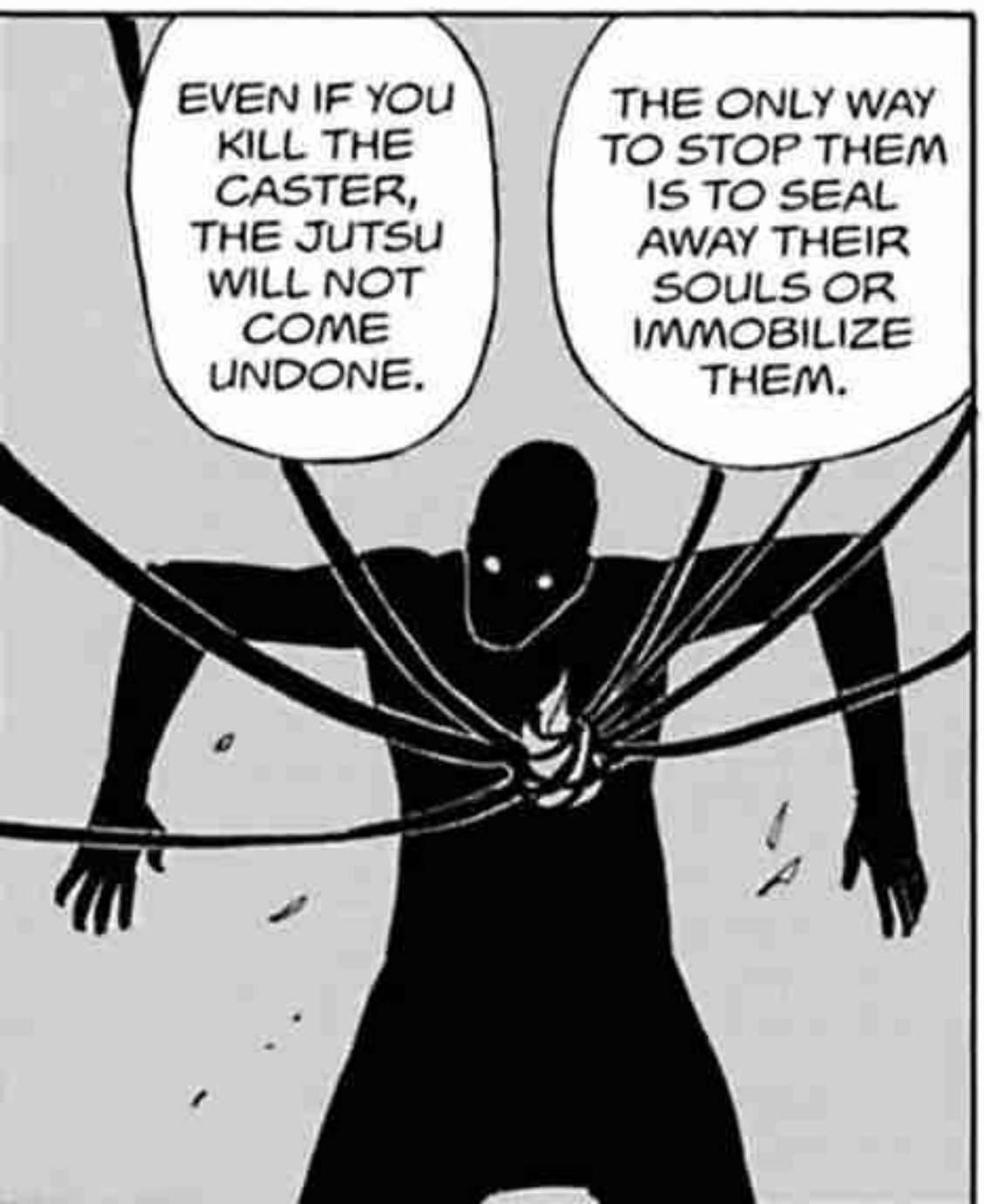
OMOI, GO SET EXPLOSIVE TAG TRAPS AT ALL OTHER CLOCK HAND POINTS.
IT NEEDS TO HAVE A 10-METER RADIUS, WITH ENTRANCE AND EGRESS POINTS AT 2 O'CLOCK AND 6 O'CLOCK!

ZAJI AND HOHETO, YOU'RE ON SENSORY AND WATCH DUTY.
GOTCHA!

TANGO, ERECT A CHAKRA COMMUNICATION ANTENNA.
SURE!

THIS IS WAR. DON'T EVER LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, ZAJI! YOU'LL END UP LOSING YOUR LIFE. YOU NEED TO BE MORE WARY!
I'M A SENSORY-TYPE NINJA, SO YOU'RE ALL IN GOOD HANDS!
I KNOW, I KNOW. COME ON, DESPITE APPEARANCES, I AM AN ELITE SHINOBI THAT WAS SELECTED FOR THIS UNIT... SO... ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT?

ROGER.
KIRI AND I WILL REVIEW OUR STRATAGEM.


EVEN IF YOU KILL THE CASTER, THE JUTSU WILL NOT COME UNDONE.
THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THEM IS TO SEAL AWAY THEIR SOULS OR IMMOBILIZE THEM.

ACCORDING TO OUR INTEL, IT INVOLVES THE RESURRECTED DEAD. AND THEY CANNOT DIE AGAIN.
KABUTO WILL COME AT US WITH A DARK NINJUTSU OF OROCHIMARU'S CALLED THE EDOTENSEI.

ALL UNITS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO MAKE FINDING AND CAPTURING KABUTO TOP PRIORITY.

HE'LL THEN BE PLACED UNDER GENJUTSU AND FORCED TO UNDO THIS BOTHERSOME JUTSU... THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD.

FIRST COMPANY, WITH ME!!

NOD

NOD

SHOOM SHO

SHOOM

READ THIS WAY
爆
SSSS
IT'S INTERFERING WITH MY SENSING ABILITY... BUT SOMETHING IS COMING.
IS IT THE ENEMY ...?!
WHAT IS IT?
!!
THIS IS JAMMING JUTSU...

HE'S ABURAME, PART OF THE ADVANCE SCOUTING PARTY...!
THAT'S MUTA! I CAN TELL FROM THE CHAKRA. IT'S REALLY HIM!
TAK

TH
D

THERE ARE TRAPS IN THAT AREA!
HOLD ON! HEY!
I'LL GO RETRIEVE HIM!

HOHETO!
I KNOW!!
BYAKUGAN!!

MUTA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
TMP

?!
GET AWAY... FROM ME...

CHA K

HUH?!

RASH FOOL!

THAT BEETLE BAG ON HIS BACK! THOSE ARE NOT ABURAME CLAN BEETLES INSIDE!

!!

THOSE MOVES. IT CAN'T BE?!

BZP

BZP

BZP

TAK

TAK

FSH

TMP

TMP

HE'S RUNNING STRAIGHT AT US, USING ZAJI AS A SHIELD! WHAT DO WE DO?!

FT

FT

LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ALREADY FIGURED IT OUT, *HMMM.*

THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO BE WARY!!

ITTAN, GO FOR IT!!
THERE'S A LARGE WHITE MASS OF CHAKRA INSIDE MUTA'S BEETLE SACK! SOMETHING'S GOING ON!!
DO IT, DEIDARA...

YES SIR!

IT'S DEIDARA'S DETONATING CLAY!!
THERE'S NO MISTAKE!!
WHU
MP
DOTON EARTH STYLE...

YA BOOM
HUH?!

STILL... THERE...!

CHECK FOR THEM.
HEH HEH HEH! NOW THAT'S ART! ARE THEY ALL SMITH-EREENS? HMMM?
SHUP SHUP

AARGH...
THROB

THE REST OF YOU, THE NEXT ATTACK IS COMING! ON YOUR GUARDS!
KIRI... WORK ON HEALING ZAJI.
SNIP
SNIP

NO TIME TO EVEN MOURN YOUR COMRADE'S DEATH. SO THAT'S WAR, HUH?

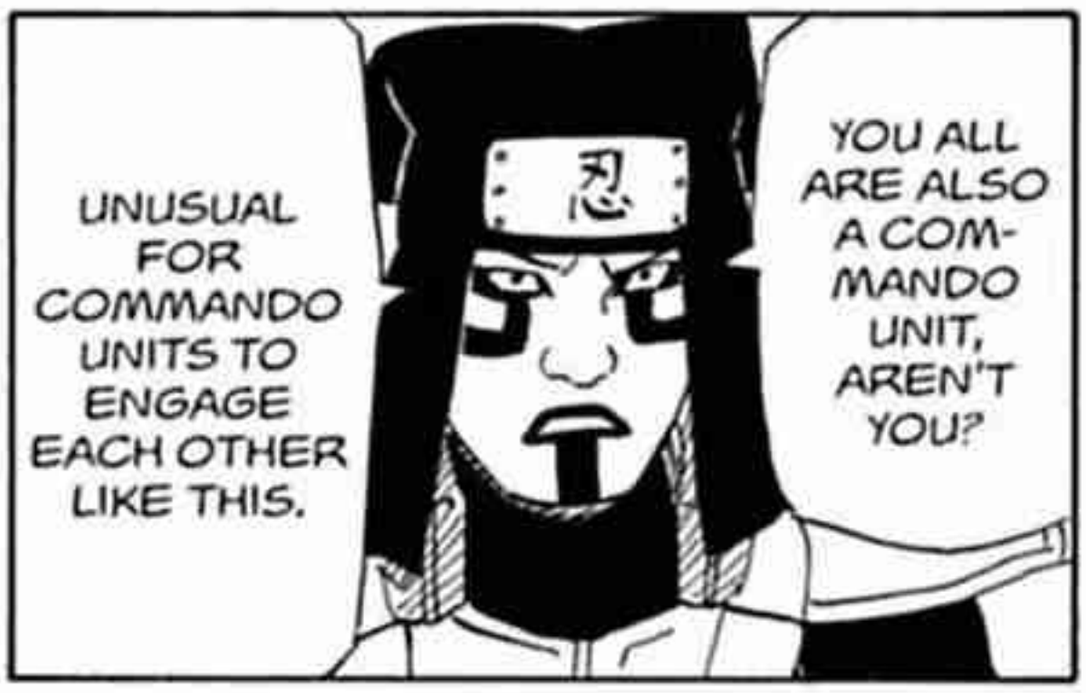
I COULDN'T SAVE THE ABURAME GUY!

READ THIS WAY
KLIK
...AND NO TIME TO CONTEMPLATE THAT, EITHER, EH!!
TAK
TAK
KLANG
FOR THE TIME BEING! CLOUD STYLE!! CRESCENT MOON SLICE!!!
TAK
KLANG
?!!
SCREECH SCREECH

VOOSH
TOKUMA!! LANKA!!
NICE, SAI!
KLAMPER KLAMPER
SCREECH
MORE COMRADES?! ARE THEY BEING MANIPULATED?!
SLAM
...YOU...
FLAP
!!
ANOTHER ?!
!!
ABOVE!!

YOU PLAY DIRTY!
UNFORGIV-ABLE!!

UNH...
STILL ALIVE. NOW WHAT WILL YOU DO, HMMM?


UNUSUAL FOR COMMANDO UNITS TO ENGAGE EACH OTHER LIKE THIS.
YOU ALL ARE ALSO A COM-MANDO UNIT, AREN'T YOU?

HO... YOU'RE QUITE THE PUPPET MASTER, HMMM?
I KNOW YOU'RE THERE, SASORI! COME OUT!

SHUP...

OUR SIDE INITIATED THIS CONFLICT. AND A VICTORY HERE CAN DECIDE THE FLOW OF THE WAR, HMMM?!!
HUMPH! IF WE WIN HERE, OUR SURPRISE ATTACKS WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE.

WE WILL NOT LOSE.

READ THIS WAY
!
WE'RE INDESTRUCTIBLE. YOU HAVE NO CHANCE!
RUN AWAY, LITTLE BROTHER...!
WE ARE IMMORTAL!!
KRAK
NO TIME TO HESITATE...
KLAK
BROTHER?!!
!
...FOR THOSE WHO HURT MY COMRADES!!
NO MERCY...

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Number 518: Battle of the Commando-Units!!

TAK

NO ROOM FOR NICETIES, HMMM?!

THIS IS WAR!!

BACK SLICE!!

SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP SNP

?!!

YAH!!

YONK

SQK

SQK

SQK

?!

RUMBLE

!!

WHUMP

UGH!

SPLAT

TAK

ITTAN, RAISE US UP!!

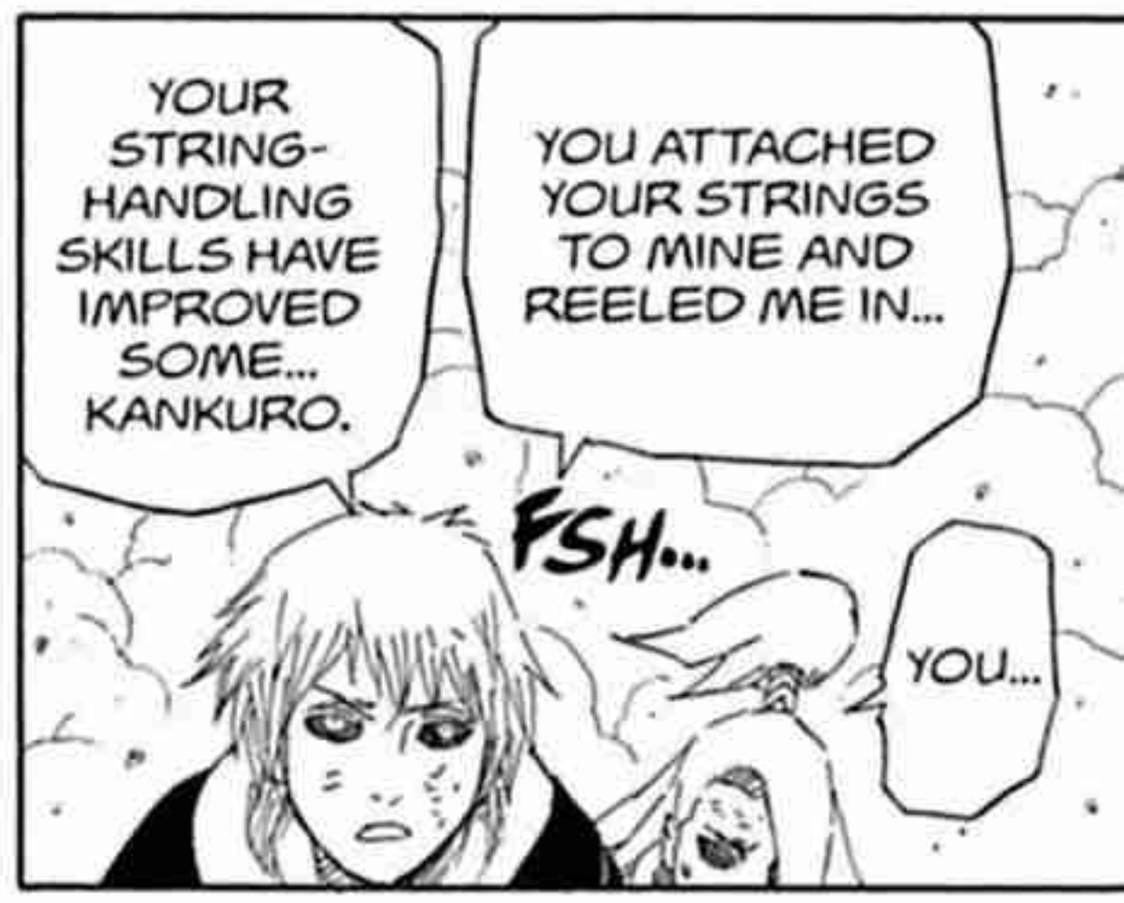
OK!!

EARTH STYLE! MOBILE CORE!!

SHF

SLA
SH
ARGH !!!

(SASORI)



BODY OF

SQK
SQK

!!

...

I AM FINALLY A TRUE DOLL THAT WILL NEVER ROT! WHAT I HAD ALWAYS LONGED TO BE!
MY OWN PUPPET. I NO LONGER CARE FOR THAT BODY.

TMP

FSH

FT

RUN... AWAY...

SHOOM...

SHUP

TMP

TMP

SHUN!

NOW!!

TOO LATE!!

...

?!!

BLACK SECRET TECHNIQUE! SALAMANDER!!

BROTHER !!

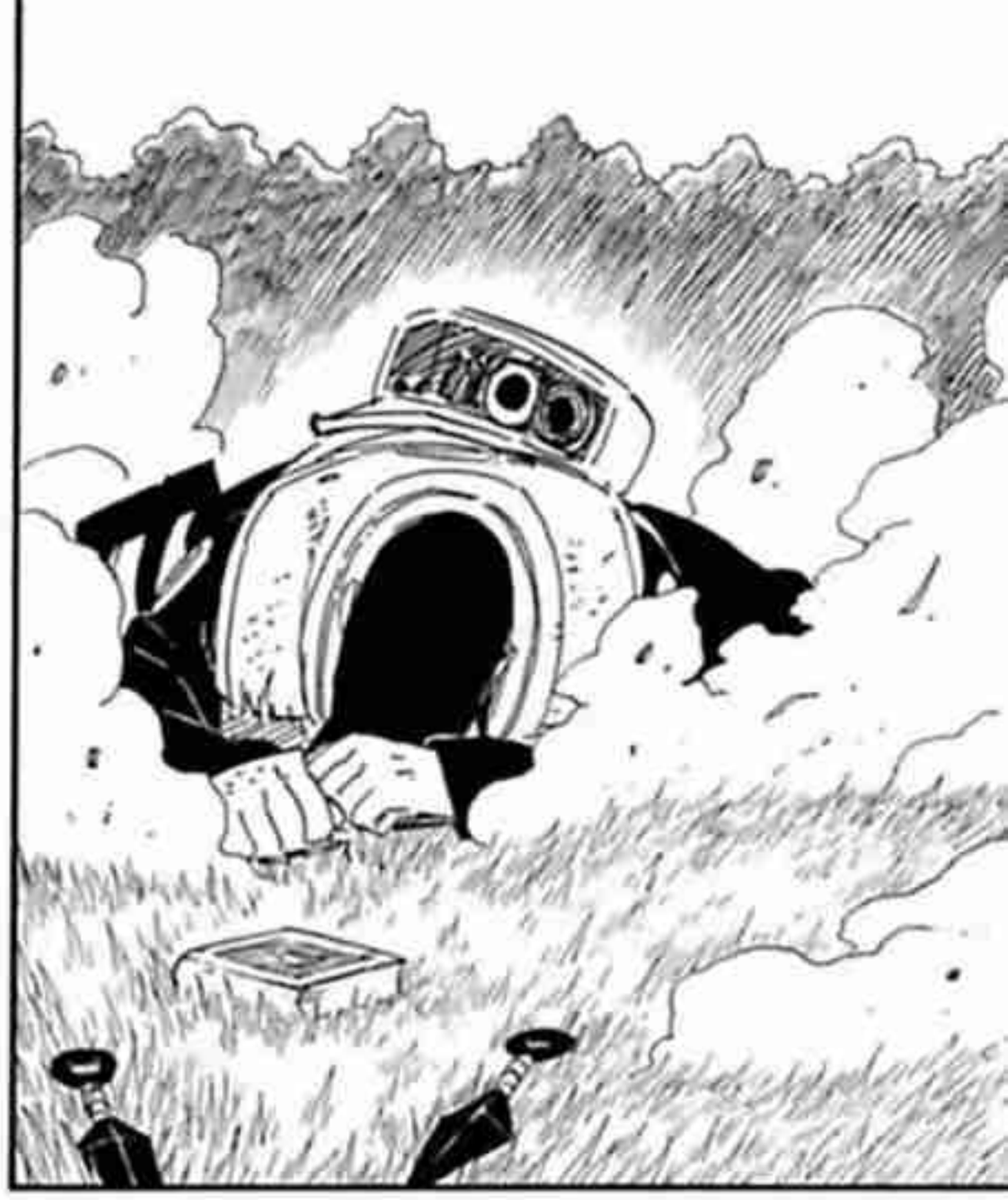
ZAP

BUT WE HAVE TO REINFORCE. WE MUST CRUSH OUR ENEMY.
AN EXPLO-SION?!...

!
THOOM...
TAK

OWW...

GOOD! I CAN STILL SENSE CHAKRAS... EVERYONE'S ALIVE!
ZAJI! HOW GOES IT OUTSIDE?!
RRU
MBLE



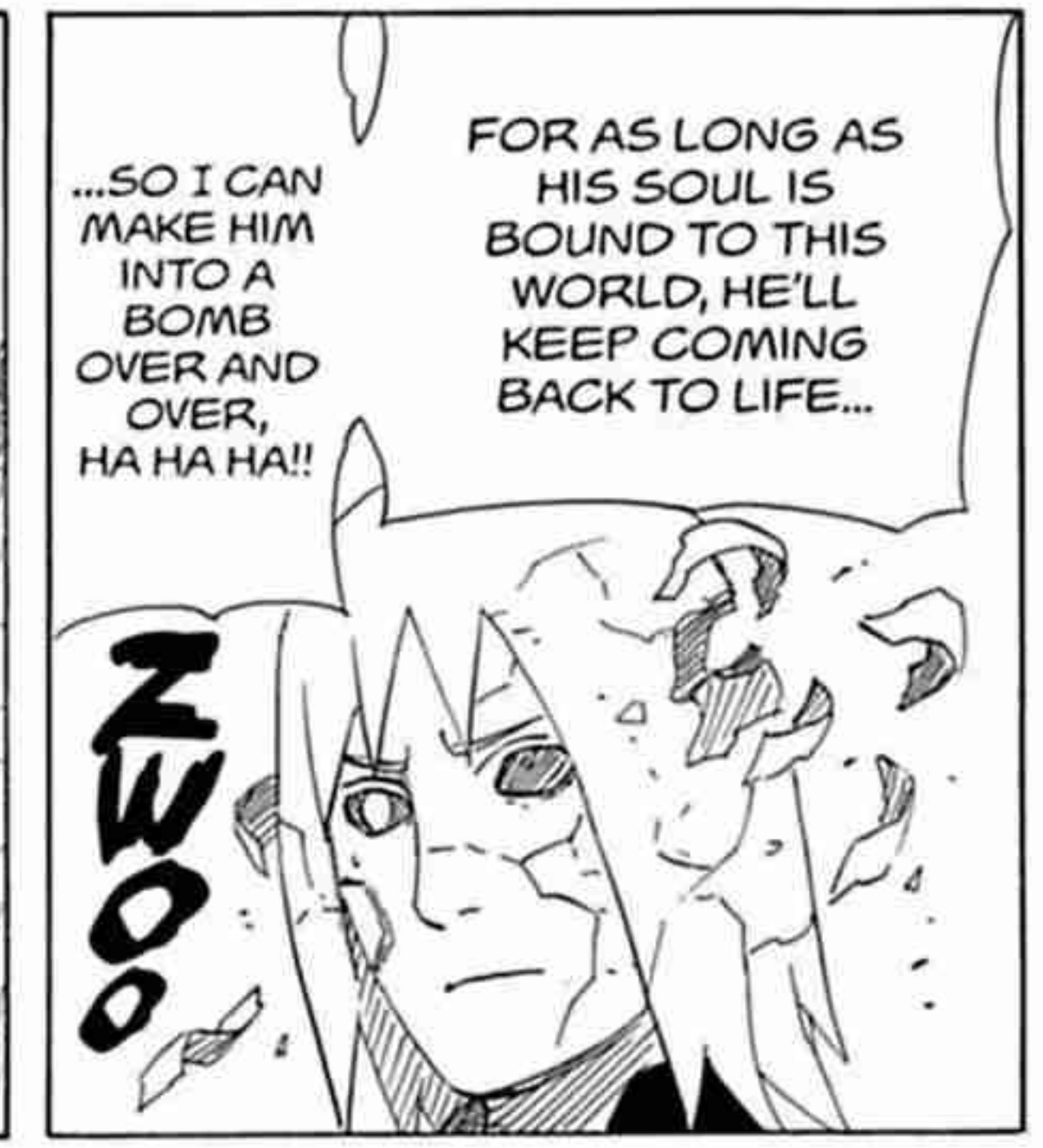
HE'S JUST A BOMB TO YOU?
...
SHUP!

LESSER POWER, HMMM?
A DEFENSE SALAMANDER. I BUILT IT LONG AGO.
IMPRESSIVE! A DEFENSIVE PUPPET BELOW GROUND TO CONFINE THE BOMB.

ZWOOOO...

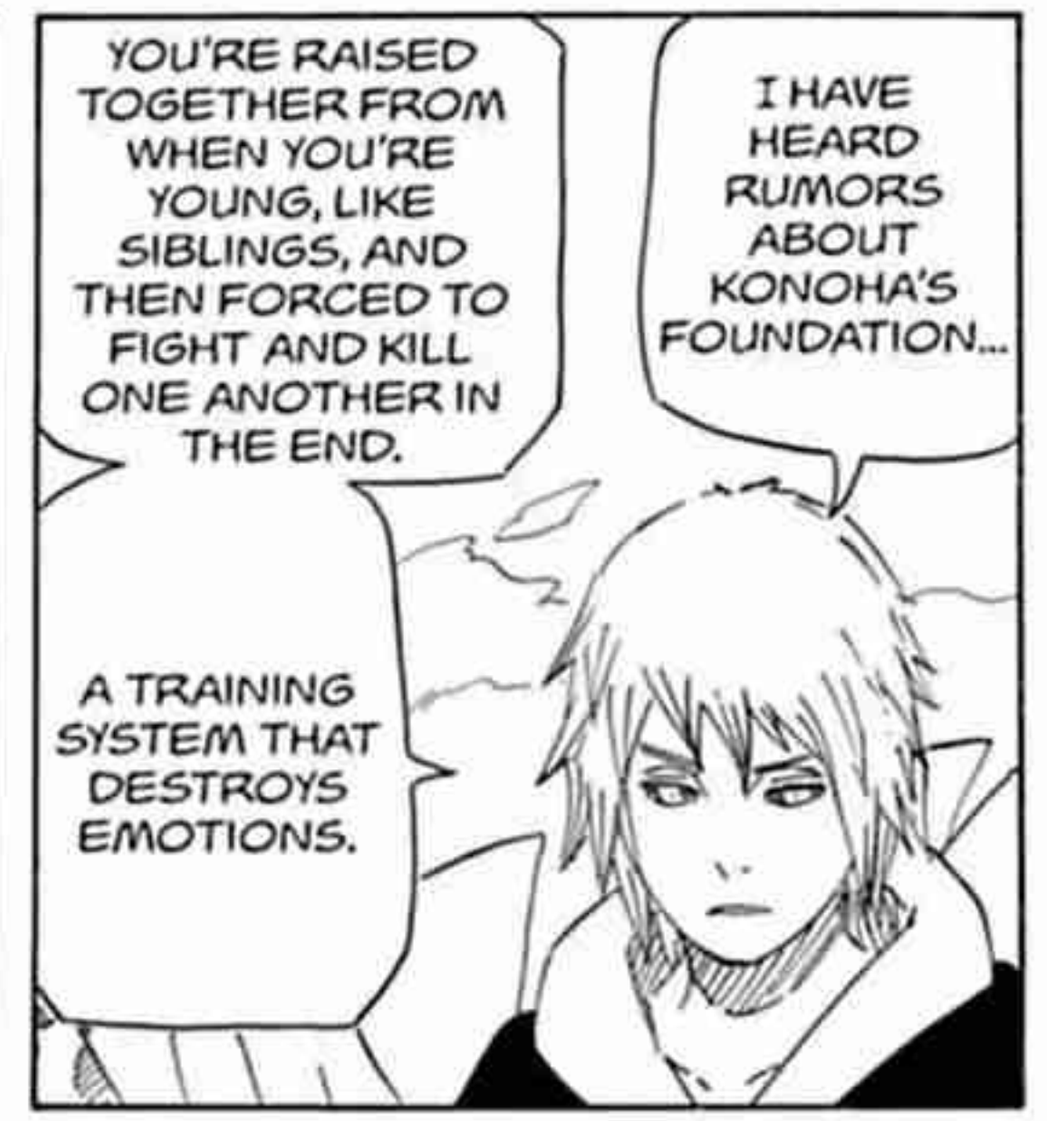
YOU ARE GARBAGE. YOU ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO REPLACE SASUKE!
HMMM? YOU GOT SOMETHING TO WHINE ABOUT?!
QUIT YAKKING, YOU WEAKLING!

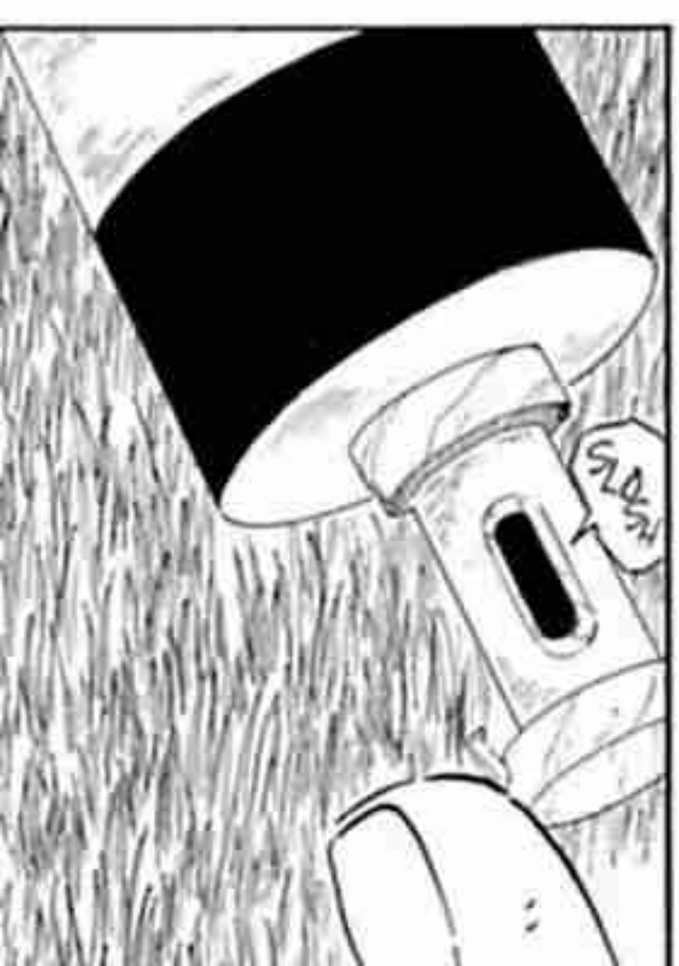
...ESPECIALLY... SINCE I DIED AND WAS LIBERATED FROM THE FOUNDATION...
I... DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.


...SO I CAN MAKE HIM INTO A BOMB OVER AND OVER, HA HA HA!!
FOR AS LONG AS HIS SOUL IS BOUND TO THIS WORLD, HE'LL KEEP COMING BACK TO LIFE...
ZWOO

...

YOU OF THE FOUNDA-TION ARE SIMILAR TO ME.
IF YOU GET RID OF THE HEART, YOU ALSO ELIMINATE HESITATION AND DOUBT... RESULTING IN THE ULTIMATE SHINOBI.


YOU'RE RAISED TOGETHER FROM WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG, LIKE SIBLINGS, AND THEN FORCED TO FIGHT AND KILL ONE ANOTHER IN THE END.
I HAVE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT KONOHA'S FOUNDATION...
A TRAINING SYSTEM THAT DESTROYS EMOTIONS.



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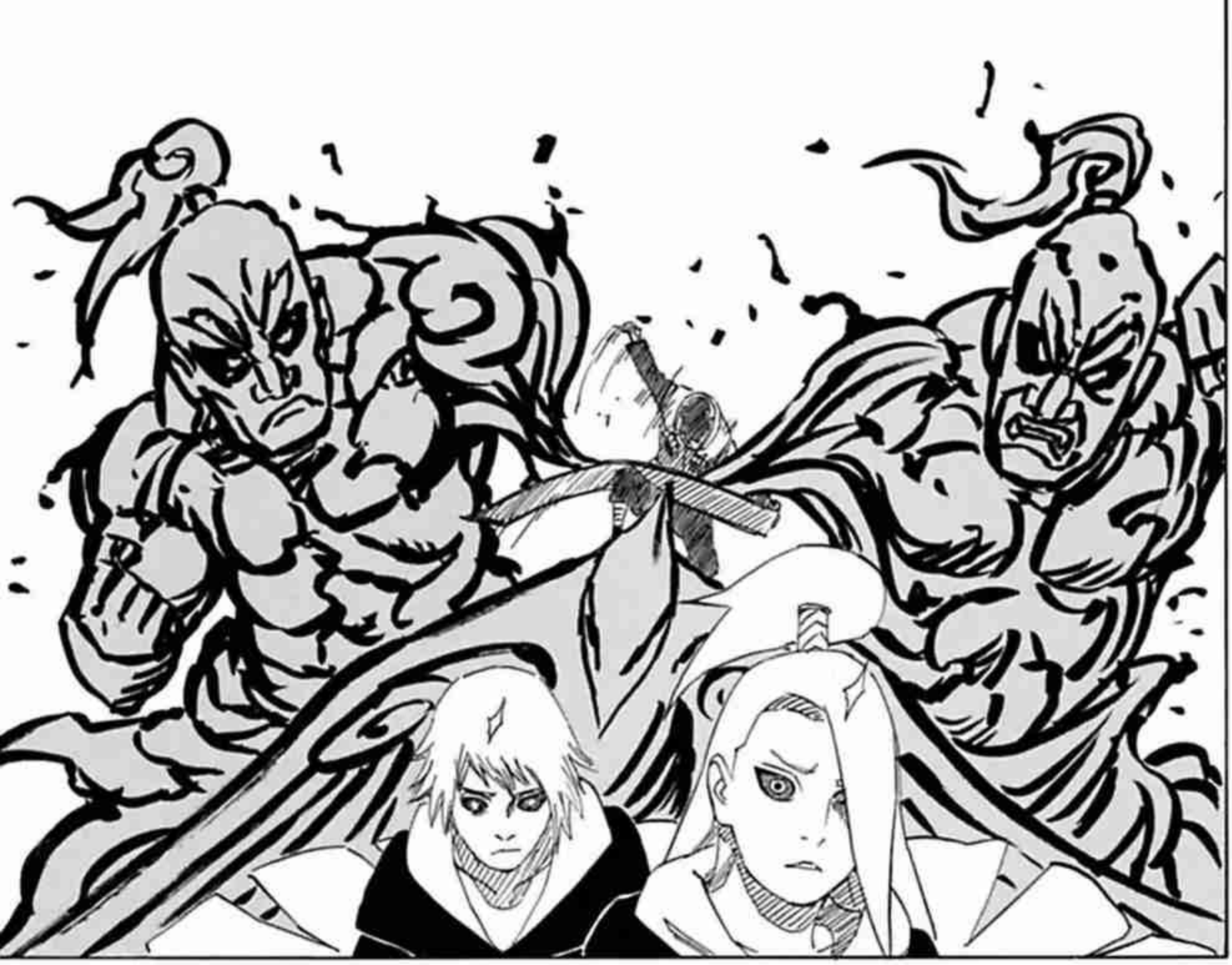
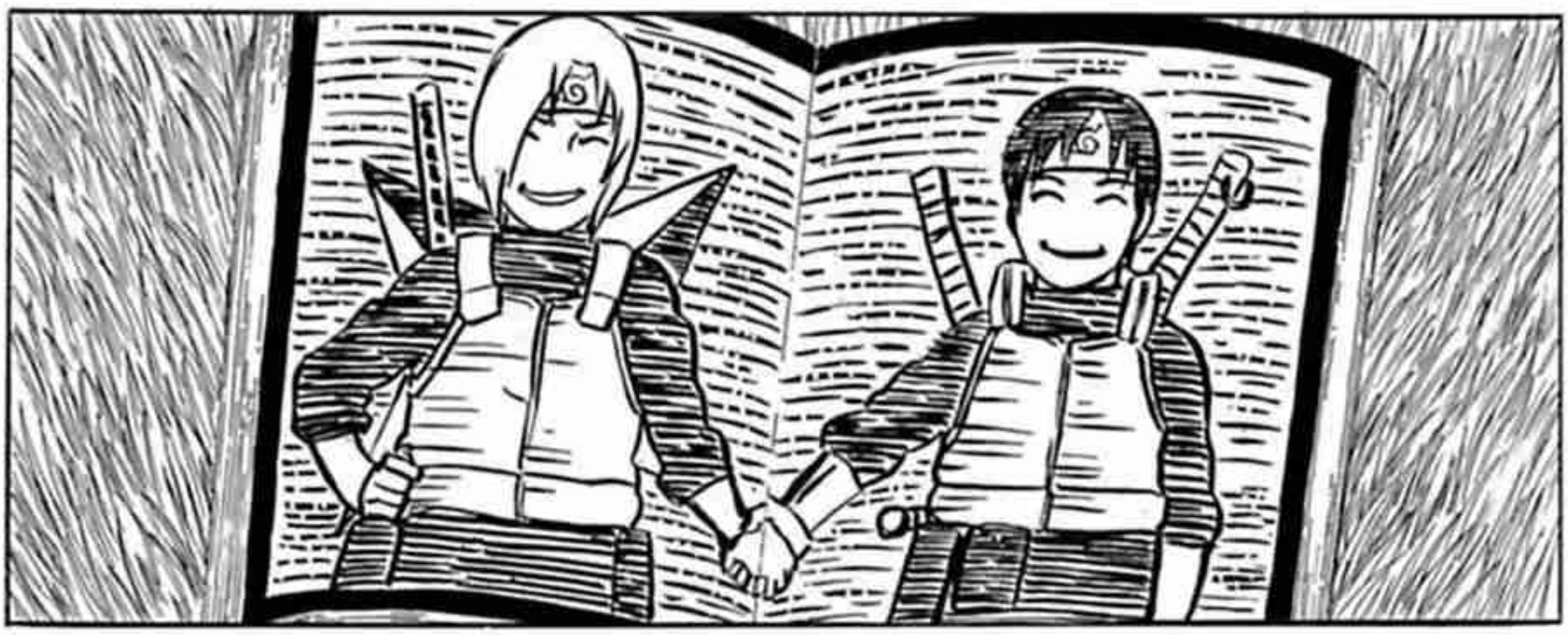
SSH

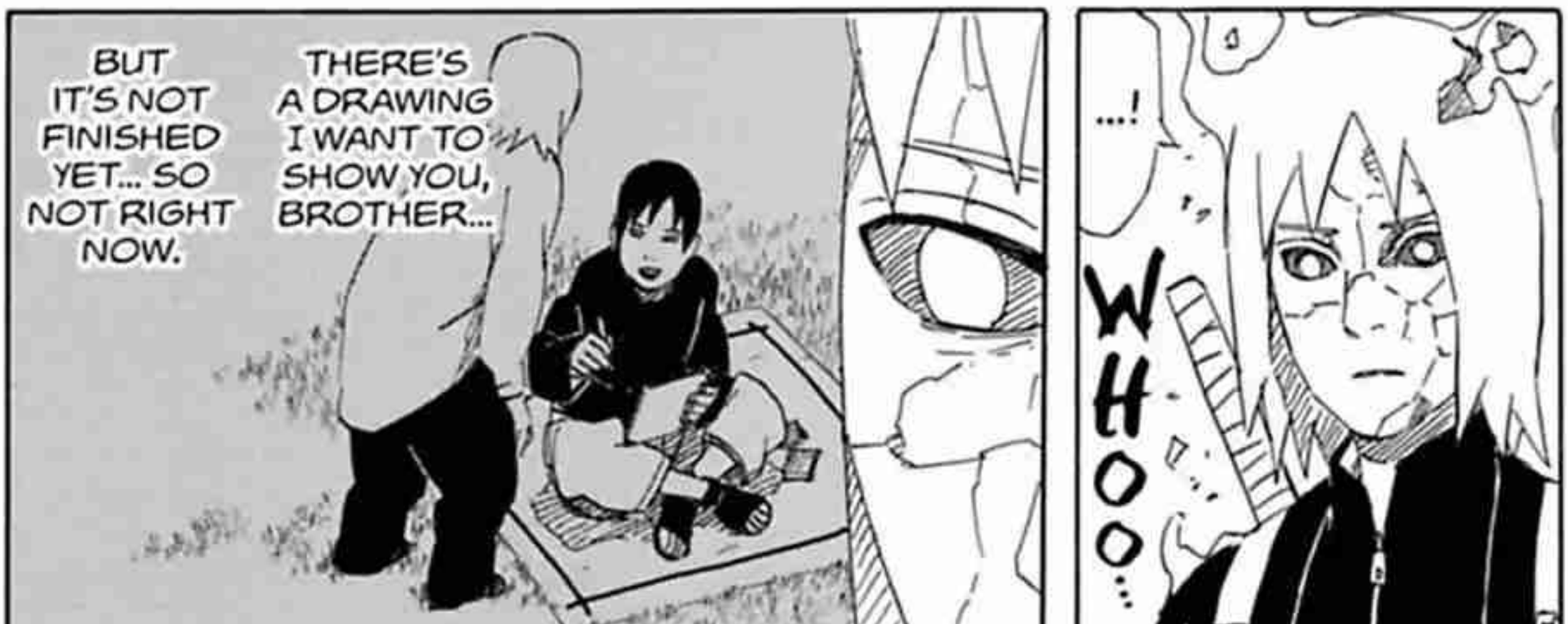
ART IS AN EXPLOSION! LIKE THIS!
HOW DARE YOU CREATE SUCH MEDIOCRE DRAWINGS AND THEN CALL YOURSELF AN ARTIST!

PLINK

JUST TRY IT.






BUT IT'S NOT FINISHED YET... SO NOT RIGHT NOW.
THERE'S A DRAWING I WANT TO SHOW YOU, BROTHER...
...!
WHOO...

SECRET BLACK TECH-NIQUE!
ARGH!
KLAK
KLAK

SO TASTELESS TO EXHIBIT ONE'S ULTIMATE ART MULTIPLE TIMES. BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED!! HMMM!
I SHOULD HAVE DETONATED MYSELF LONG AGO!

!!
VOOSH-
WHOOSH

THK THK
THK THK

!!
RAITON ?!!

TRIPLE IRON MAIDEN!!

WHOOSH

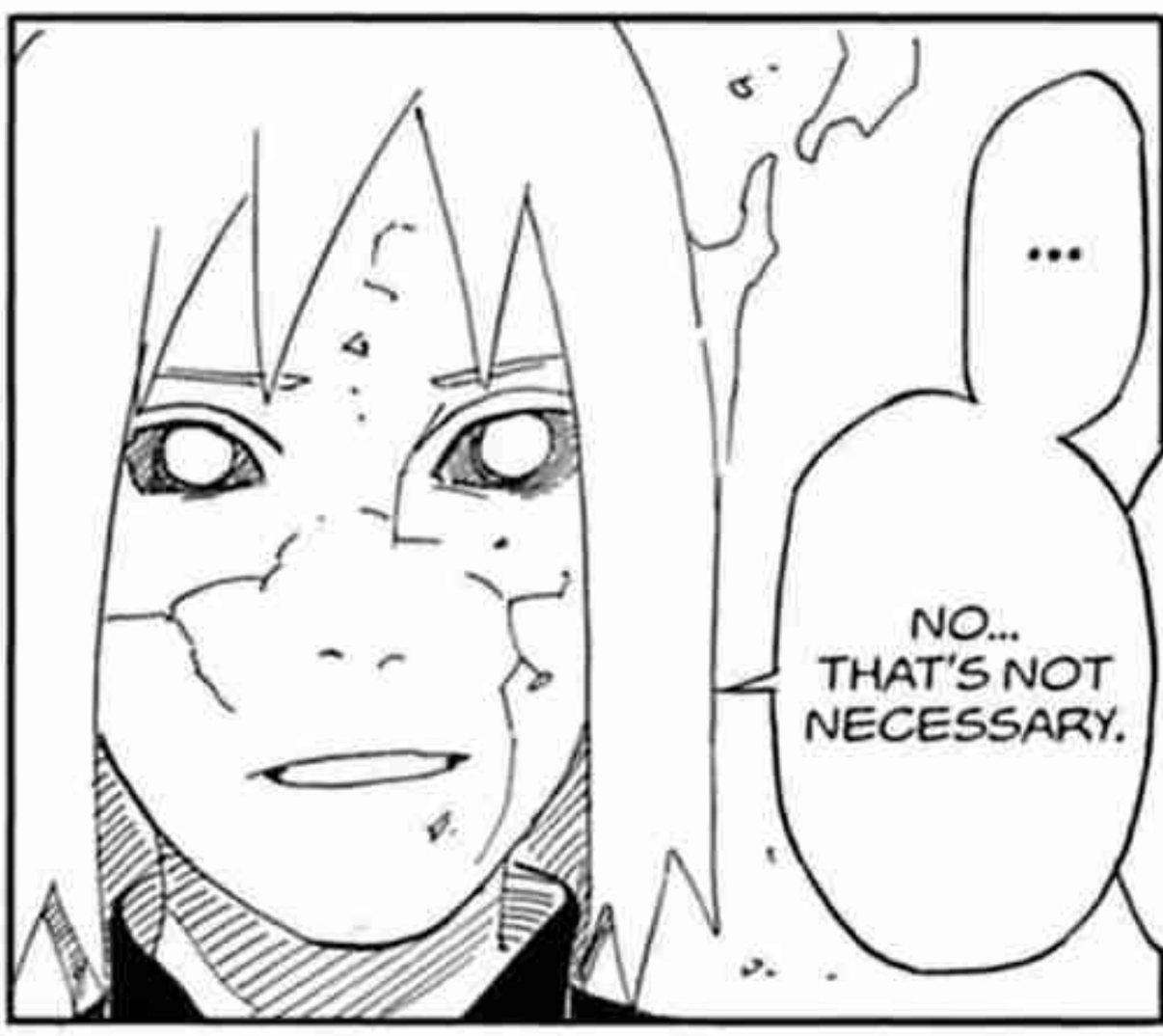
WHOOSH

HUF
HUF

HELP SAI'S BROTHER!!
GOOD, OMOI!
MY PUPPET JUTSU HAS GOT THESE TWO!

ROGER!!

RMP

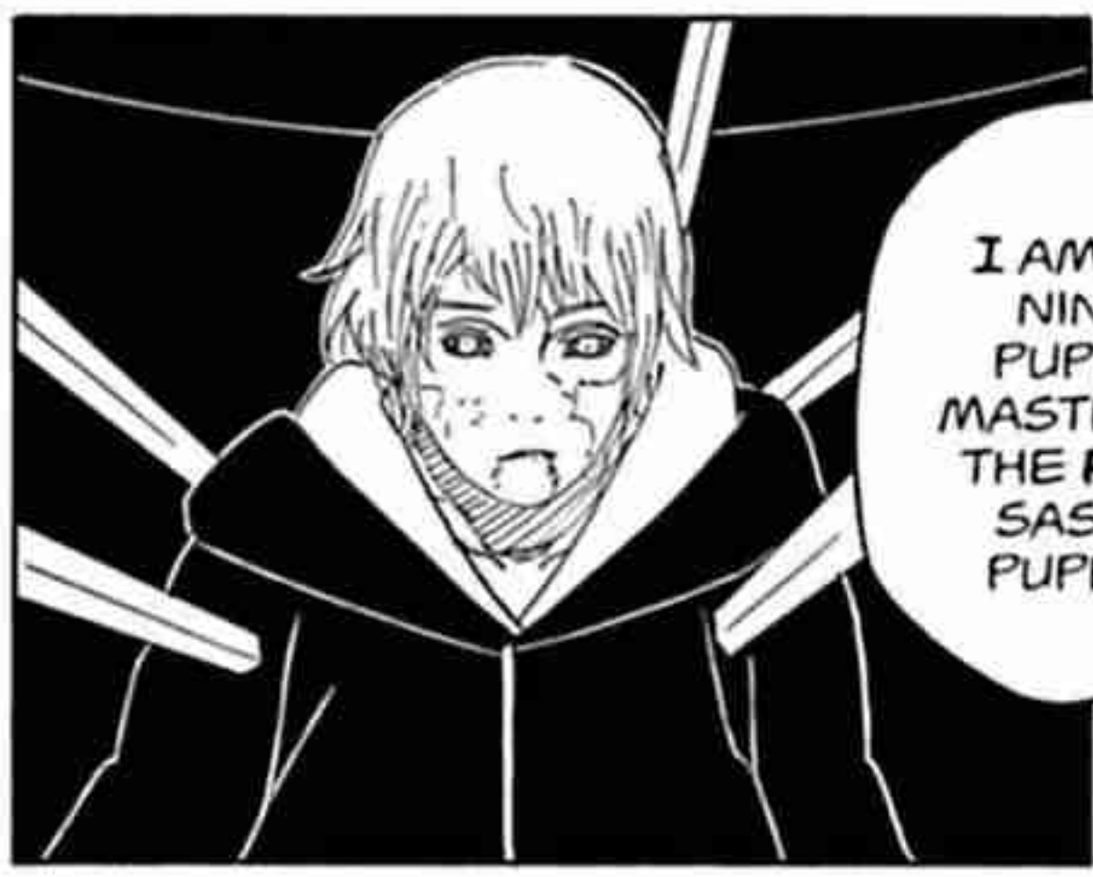

...
NO... THAT'S NOT NECESSARY.

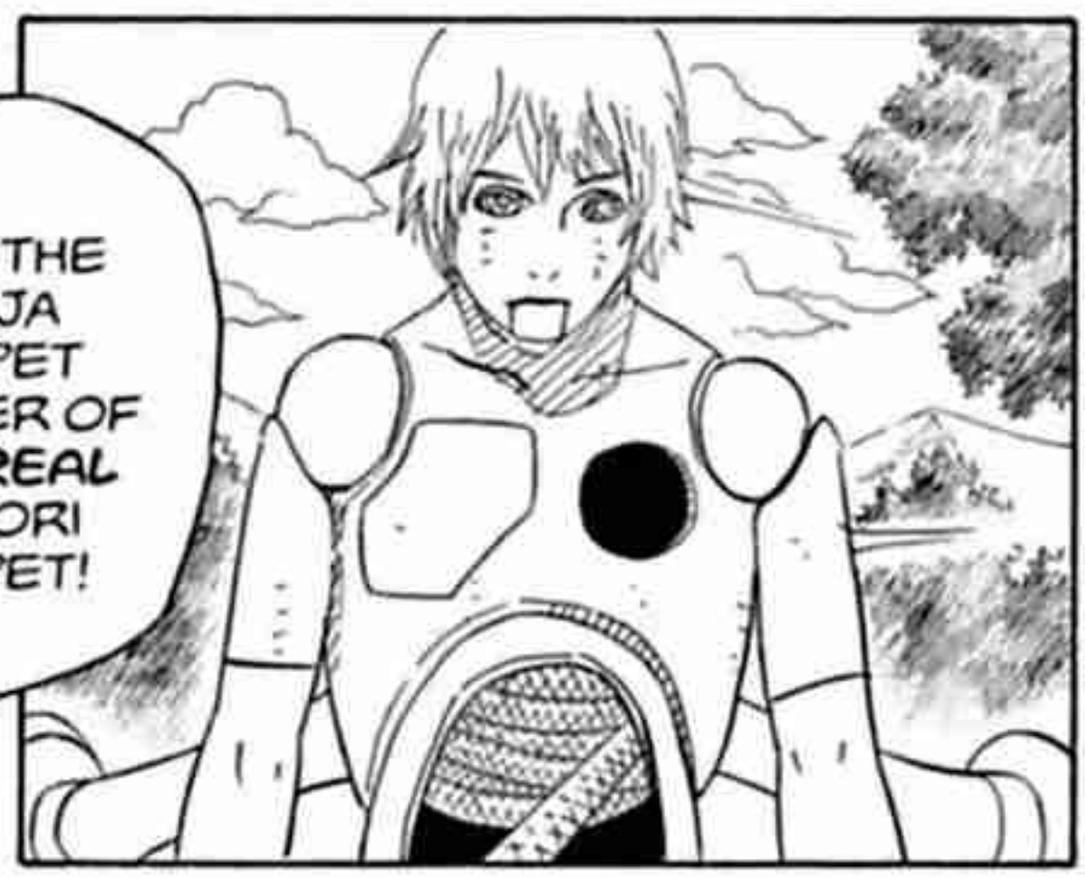
...BROTHER, WHILE I WAS IN THE FOUNDATION, THAT I WOULD HAVE TO FIGHT YOU ONE DAY...
I KNEW...
SO LET'S SETTLE NOW... WHAT WE COULDN'T BACK THEN...

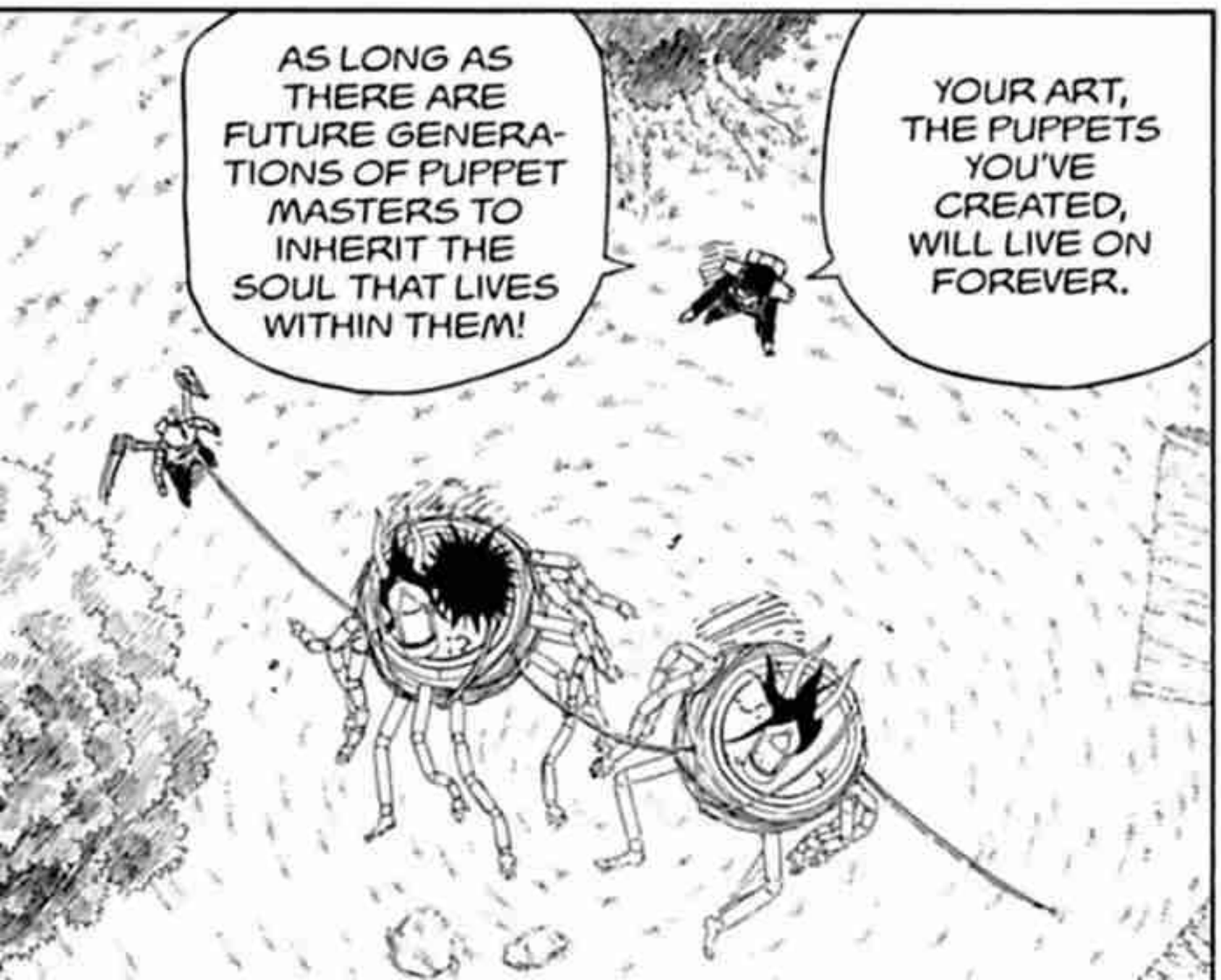
YOUR DRAWING HAS UNDONE THE BINDINGS ON MY SOUL...
I FINALLY GOT TO SEE THAT DRAWING YOU WANTED TO SHOW ME...
BLOP...
BLOP...

READ THIS WAY
MY STRINGS JUST WENT SLACK...
...WHAT'S... GOING... ON?
THANK YOU...
AND AT THE MOMENT YOU MAY INHABIT REAL FLESH, BUT YOU'RE JUST A DOLL, A TRUE MARIONETTE.
THUS I CAN FEEL IT, INSIDE THIS PUPPET THAT YOU MADE, WHERE DWELLS YOUR UNDYING SOUL.
SASORI, YOUR ERSTWHILE STRENGTH LAY IN YOUR SOUL.
IN THE PAST, YOU TRIED TO ERASE YOUR SOUL BY BECOMING A PUPPET, BUT YOU DID NOT FULLY SUCCEED.
...
YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE ALLOWED YOURSELF TO BE MANIPULATED BY OTHERS.
YOU WERE A FIRST-RATE SHINOBI PUPPET MASTER.

Number 519: The Biju Bomb

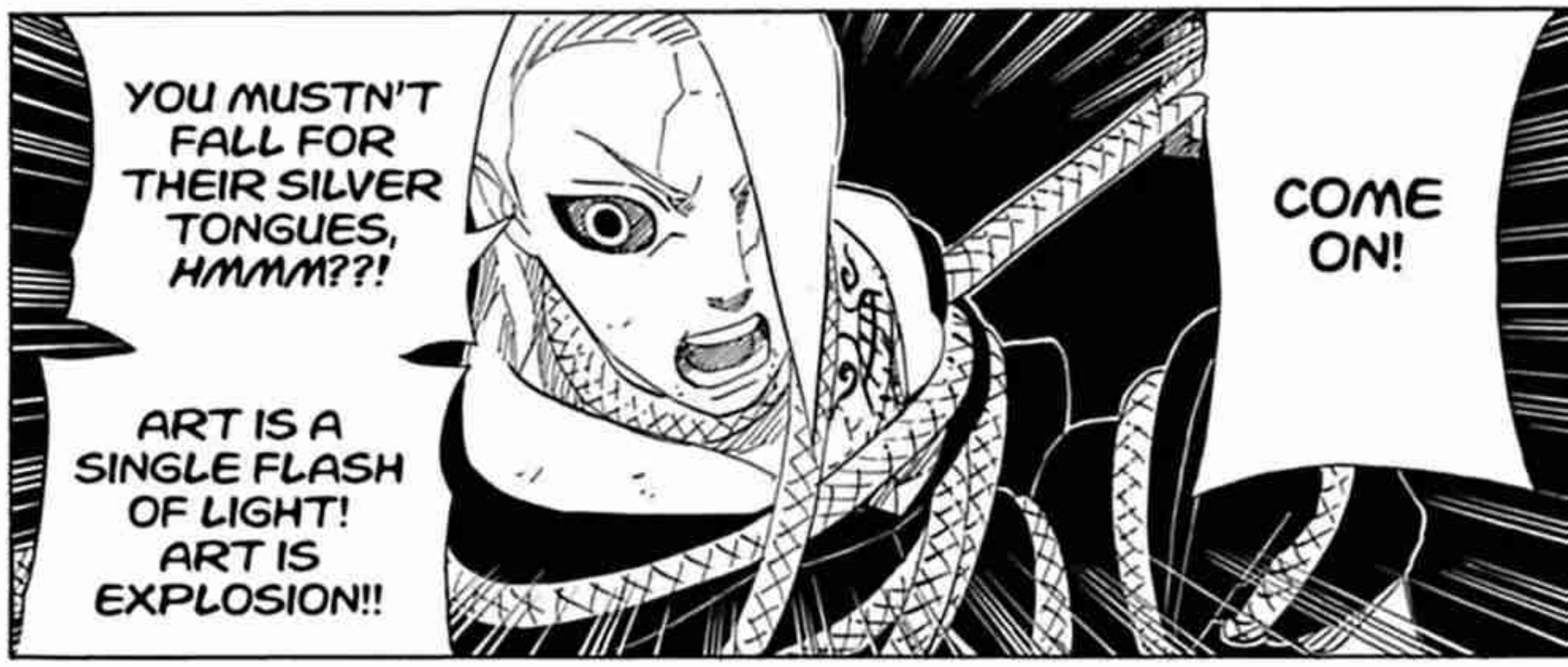






...IS THE TRUE FORM OF ART I SOUGHT, EH...
SO THAT...

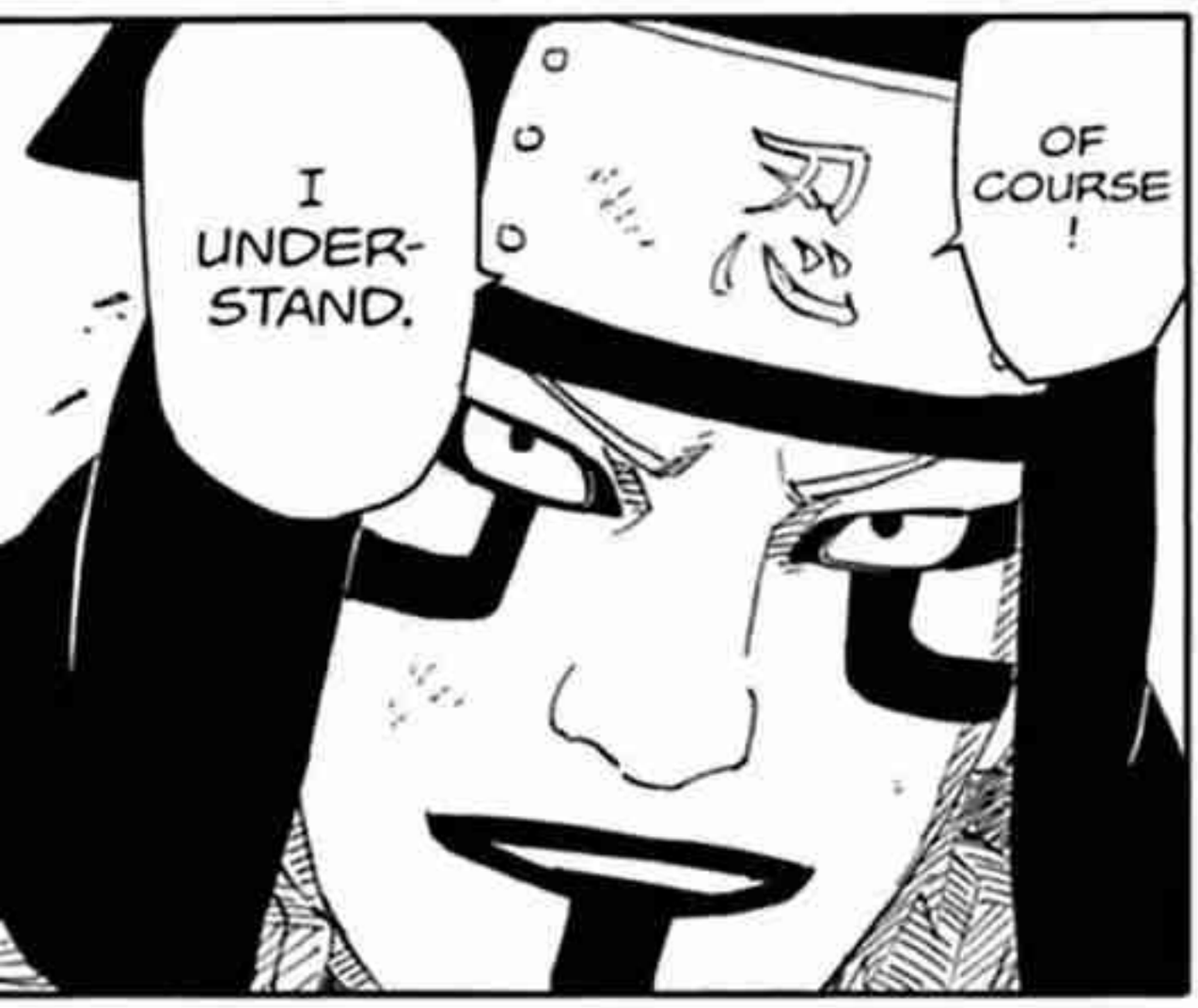
HEH!


YOU MUSTN'T FALL FOR THEIR SILVER TONGUES, HMMM??!
ART IS A SINGLE FLASH OF LIGHT! ART IS EXPLOSION!!
COME ON!

YES?
...

YOU'RE RIGHT...
BLOP BLOP BLOP.
KANKURO ...

THE SOUL OF THE CREATOR DWELLS WITHIN, HUH?
BLOP
BLOP


I UNDER-STAND.
OF COURSE!

BLOP
BLOP
WHEN YOU YOURSELF PASS, YOU MUST THEN BESTOW THEM UPON ANOTHER SO THEY ALSO LIVE FOREVER.
I ENTRUST YOU WITH FATHER AND MOTHER!

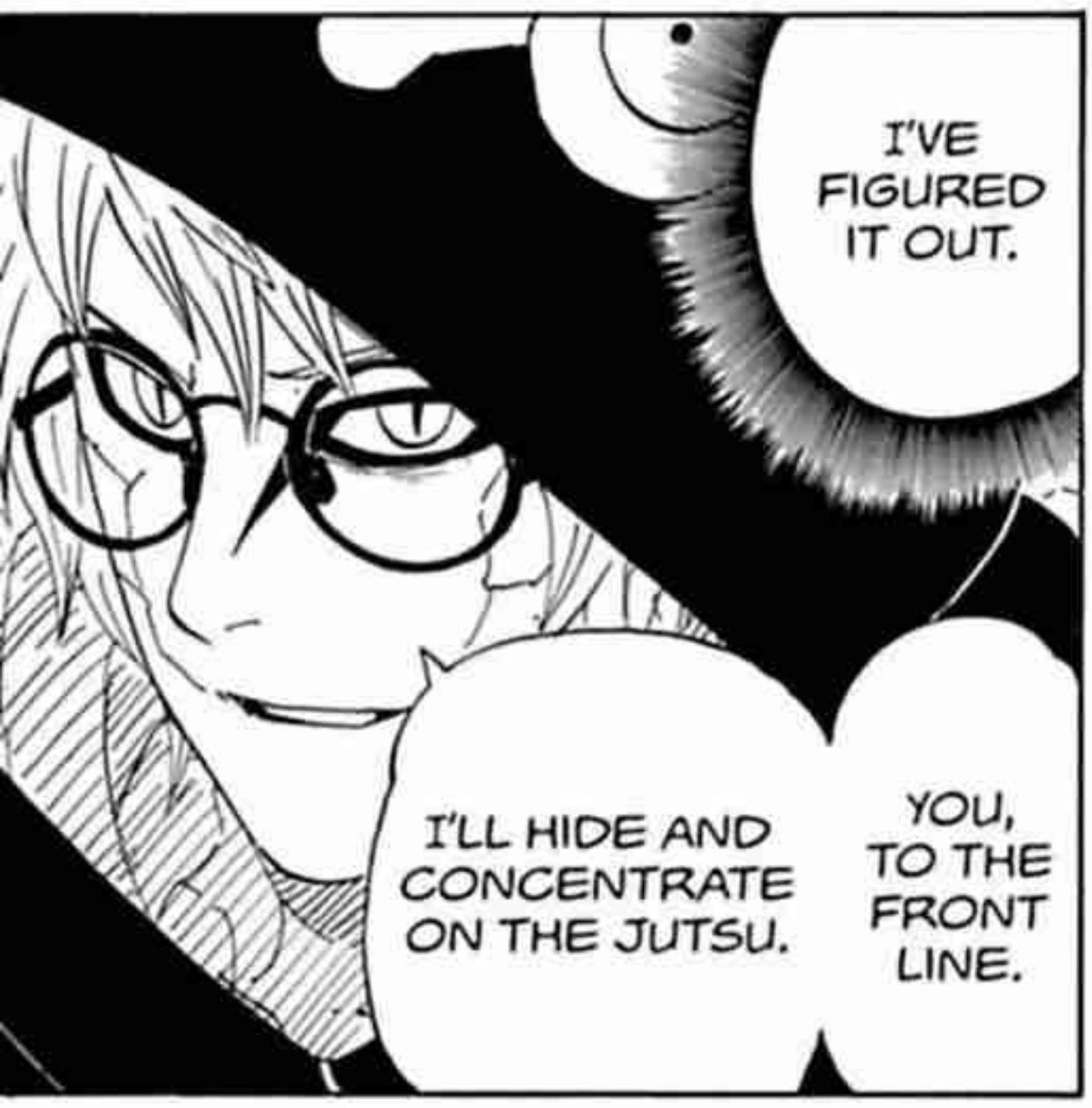
KLOMP

HEY! SASORI, MY GOOD MAN!!
?!!

SWOOO

THIS IS A SACRIFICIAL VICTIM.
WHAT'S GOING ON? I THOUGHT THE EDOTENSEI WAS A JUTSU OF IMMORTALITY.
MAYBE KABUTO UNDID THE JUTSU?
IT'S NOT SO EASY TO CONTROL EMOTION.
THE SUPPOSEDLY PERFECT EDOTENSEI HAS A FLAW.
SASORI'S GONE! HARD TO BELIEVE...
...SINCE THIS LOUD ONE IS STILL HERE.
LEMME OUTTA HERE, RUFFIANS, *HMMM?!!*
NO. IT HAS JUST BEGUN!
SAI, OMOI, ZAJI! HEAD OUT FOR IMMEDIATE AMBUSH!!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S OVER.
ZWWWWWWWWWW.....

ROGER!
YES!
YES, SIR!!

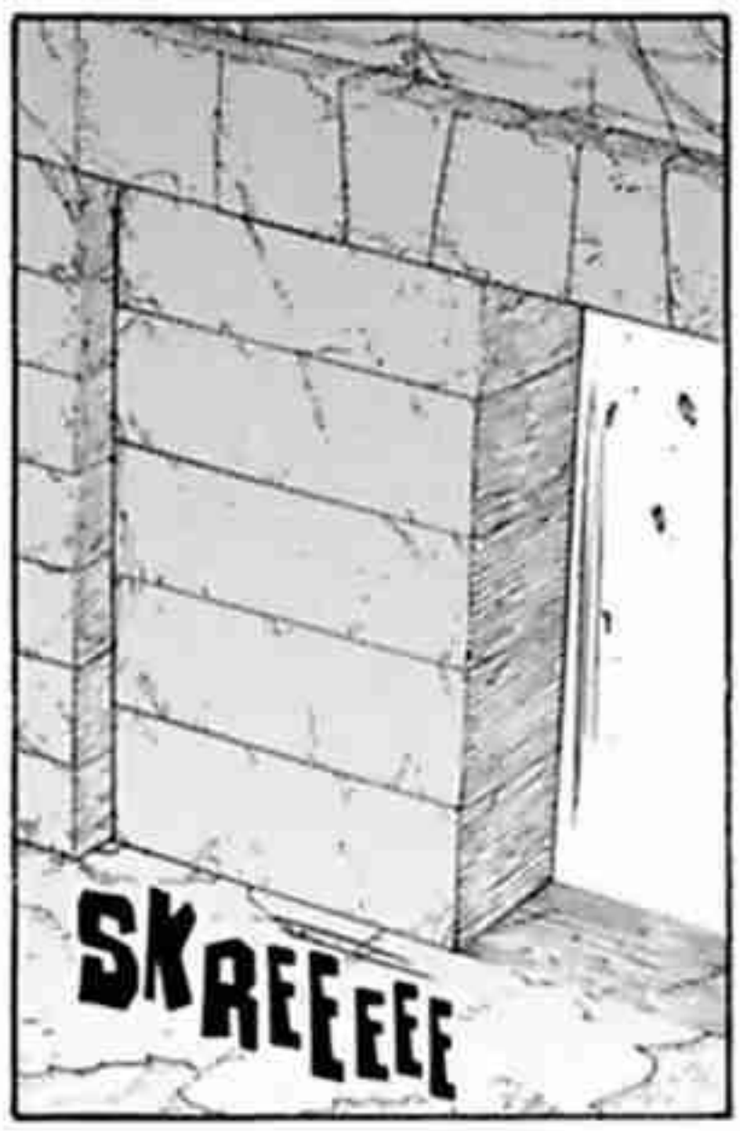

I'VE FIGURED IT OUT.
I'LL HIDE AND CONCENTRATE ON THE JUTSU.
YOU, TO THE FRONT LINE.

WHAT IS IT?
...!

THAT SNAKE! HE'S PITTING ME AGAINST THE ALLIED FORCES! BUT I'M THE ONE WHO'LL USE HIM.

HE LED HER HERE.
THIS WOMAN! SHE GOT THIS CLOSE TO THE HIDEOUT! AND KABUTO KNEW!

HEY, SO THAT ROOM LEADS HERE, TOO!



I DON'T WANT TO DO BIJU TRANSFORMATION...
IT'S NOT RISKY?

THOOM!!!
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN ♪ STEP ON IT AND HURRY UP ♪

YOU ONLY EXTRACTED BIJU CHAKRA PURE, SO YOU WON'T RAMPAGE, I'M SURE ♪
YOU SHOULD BE FINE, FOOL, ♪ YA FOOL ♪
ALL RIGHT.

UNNNNNH!!!
FSH

VISUALIZE YOUR BIJU! DARN FOOL ♪

RAWWRR!!!

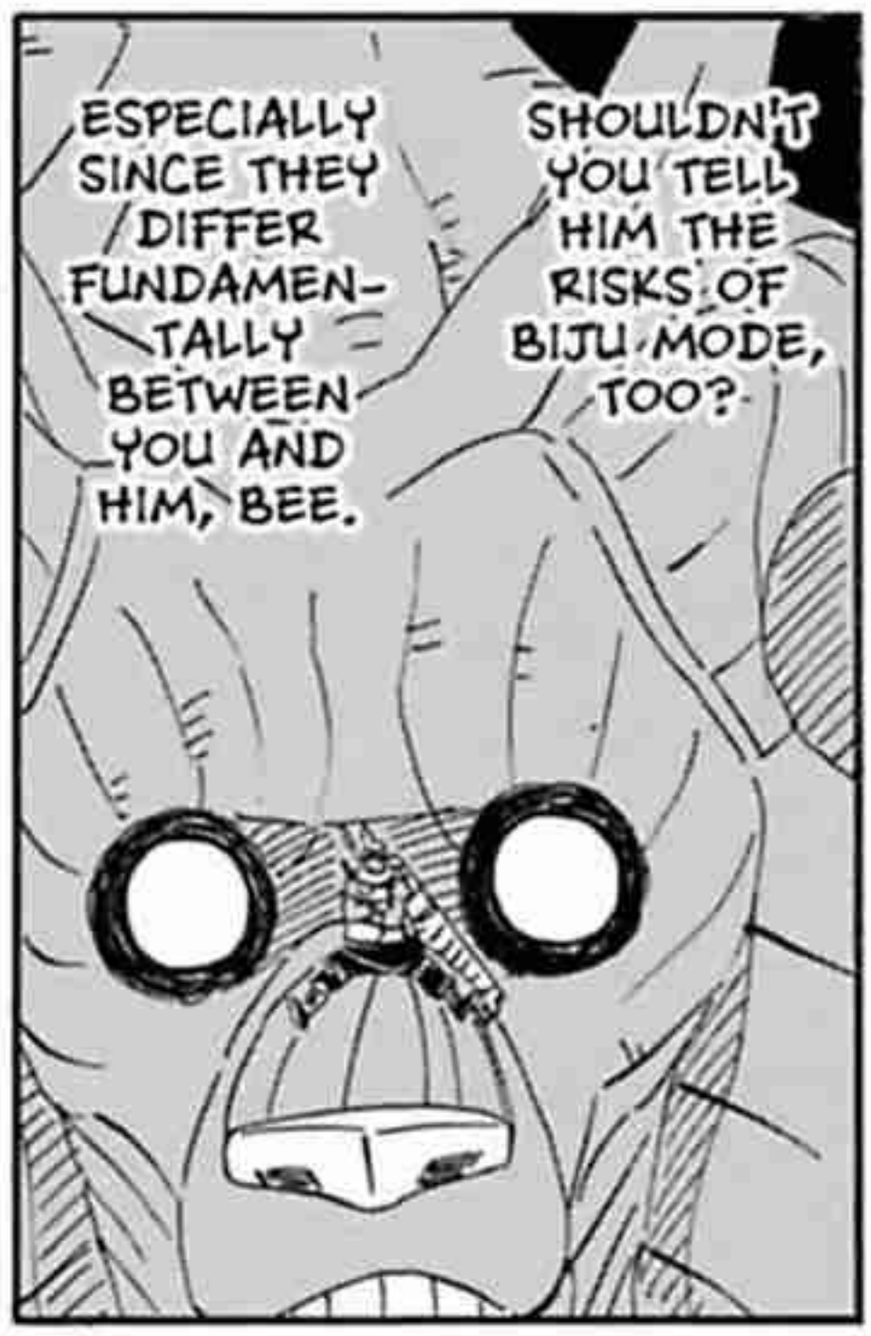
POOOF
PFFFT...
MUF
BOOOF
MUF
...
...
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU BECAME CHUMMY WITH NINE TAILS, SO... I GUESS BIJU TRANSFORMATION IS AN UTTER FAILURE...
...NO GO...? TOO BAD.
THAT WAS NOT FUN.

I USED ALL THAT NINE TAILS CHAKRA AND I STILL COULDN'T DO IT.
UGH. I NEED TO SLEEP.
HUF
WAP
HUF

THAT'S A MOVE THAT EVEN A JINCHÛRIKI CAN ONLY ACHIEVE IN BIJU STATE, BEE.
SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO TEACH HIM THE BIJU BOMB?
HM?!

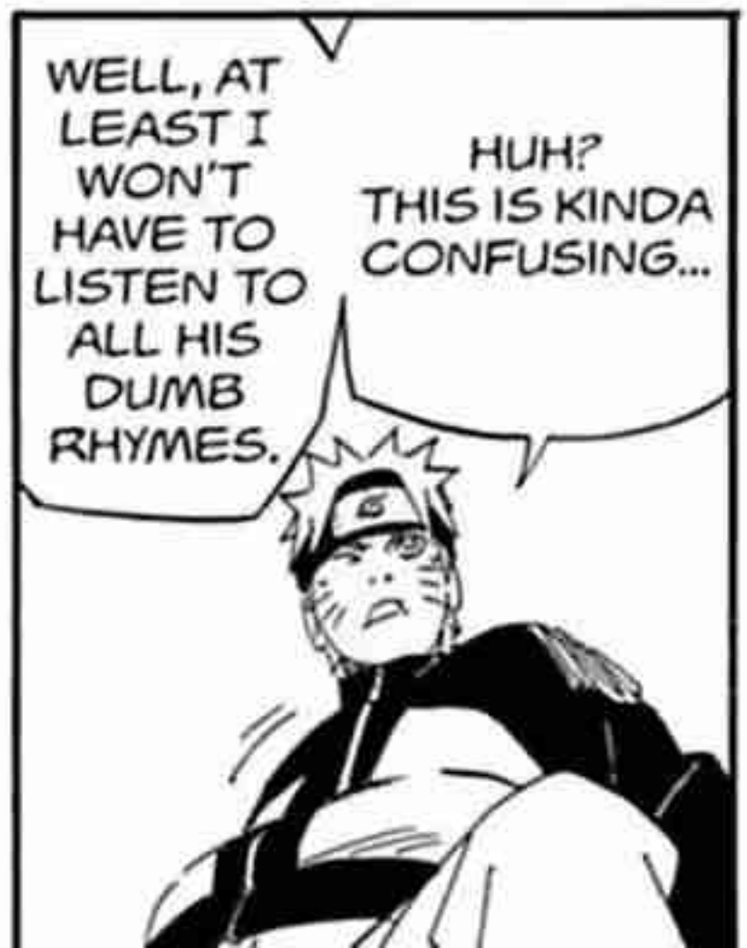
HEY, NARUTO! THIS IS EIGHT TAILS SPEAKING, NOT BEE.
LISTEN CLOSELY TO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU!

FINE, I'LL EXPLAIN. LET ME OUT.
SAVES ME FROM VERBAL FUMBLE ♪
I HAND OVER THE BATON FOR THE MUMBLE-JUMBLE!


ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY DIFFER FUNDAMENTALLY BETWEEN YOU AND HIM, BEE.
SHOULDN'T YOU TELL HIM THE RISKS OF BIJU MODE, TOO?

THERE ARE RISKS TO BIJU MODE?!
RISKS ?!

FIRST, I'LL COVER THE RISKS OF THE BIJU CHAKRA MODE.


WELL, AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO ALL HIS DUMB RHYMES.
HUH? THIS IS KINDA CONFUSING...

NINE TAILS IS SIPHONING AWAY **YOUR** CHAKRA!

BECAUSE YOU'RE TEMPORARILY SHELVING NARUTO CHAKRA IN ORDER TO USE NINE TAILS CHAKRA.

NARUTO SIDE

NINE TAILS' CHAKRA

NARUTO'S CHAKRA

NINE TAILS SIDE

WHILE YOU'RE USING BIJU CHAKRA MODE...

OF COURSE!

BEE AND I USED TO BE LIKE THAT TOO, LONG AGO, FIGHTING OVER EACH OTHER'S CHAKRA.

NARUTO, YOU'VE MERELY TAKEN NINE TAILS' CHAKRA FROM HIM, NOT TRULY TAMED HIM.

HOW COME OCTOPOPS IS ALWAYS OKAY?!

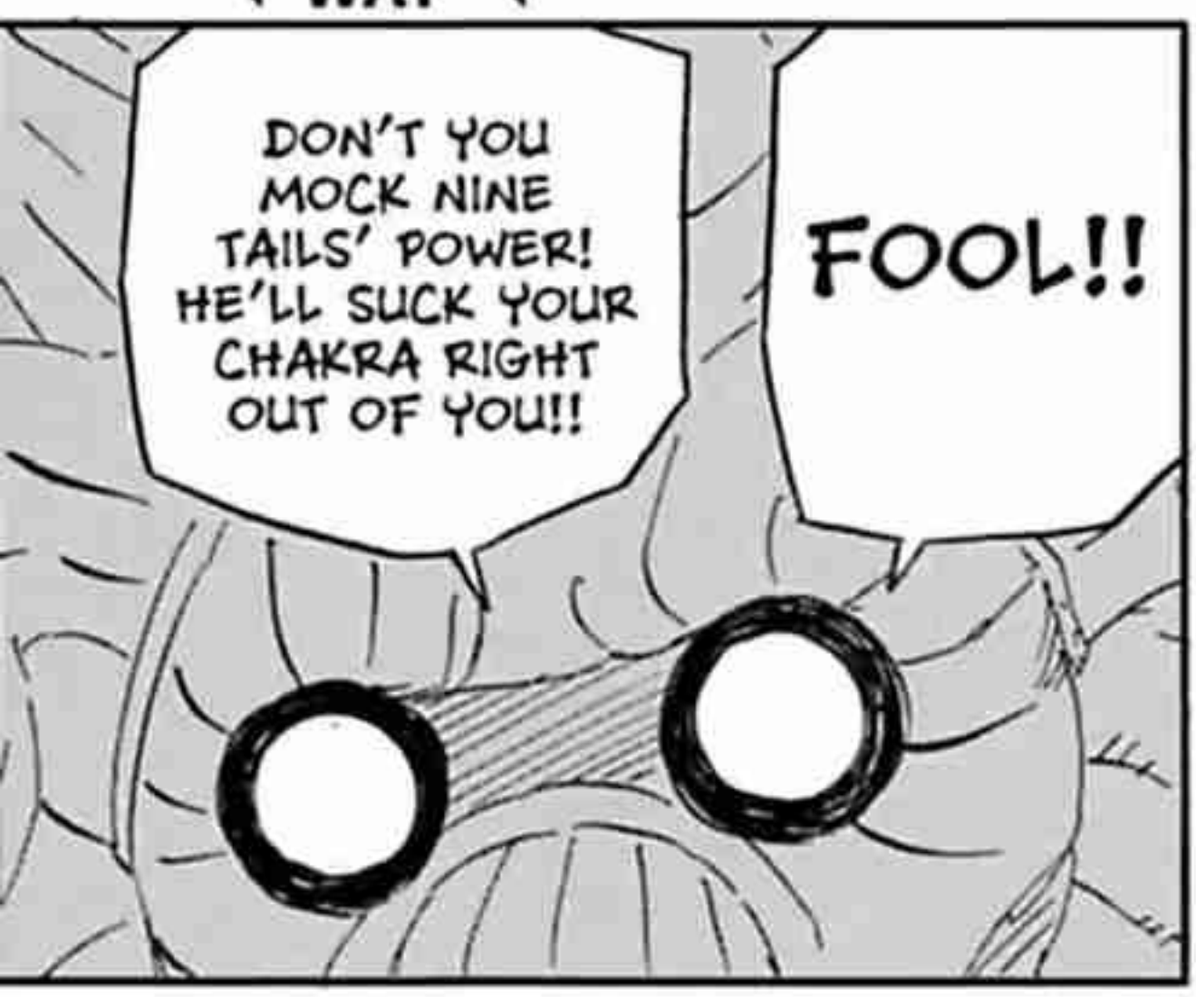
WHAT?!!

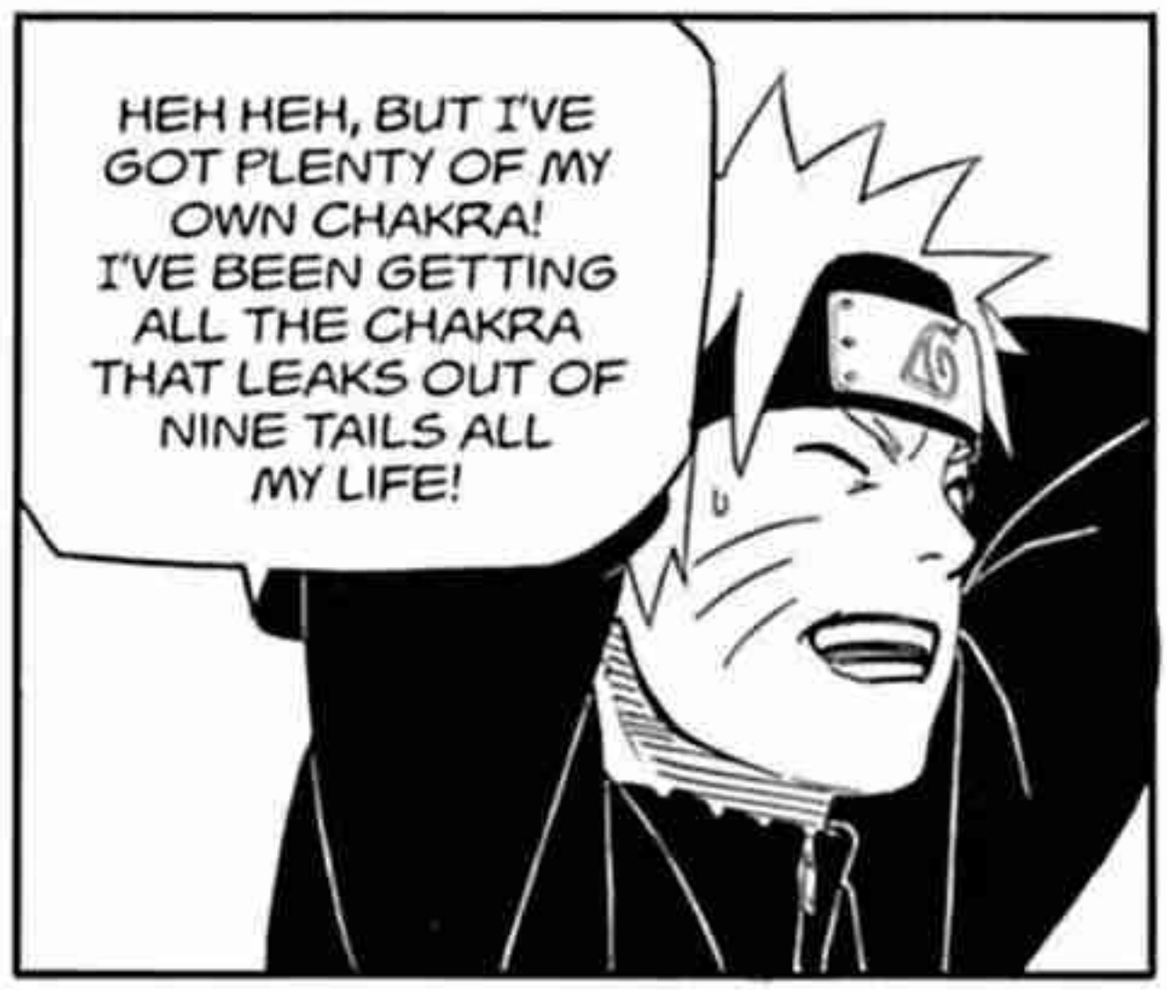
AND, OBVIOUSLY, IF HE DRAINS NARUTO CHAKRA TO ZERO... YOU'RE OFF TO THE AFTERLIFE.

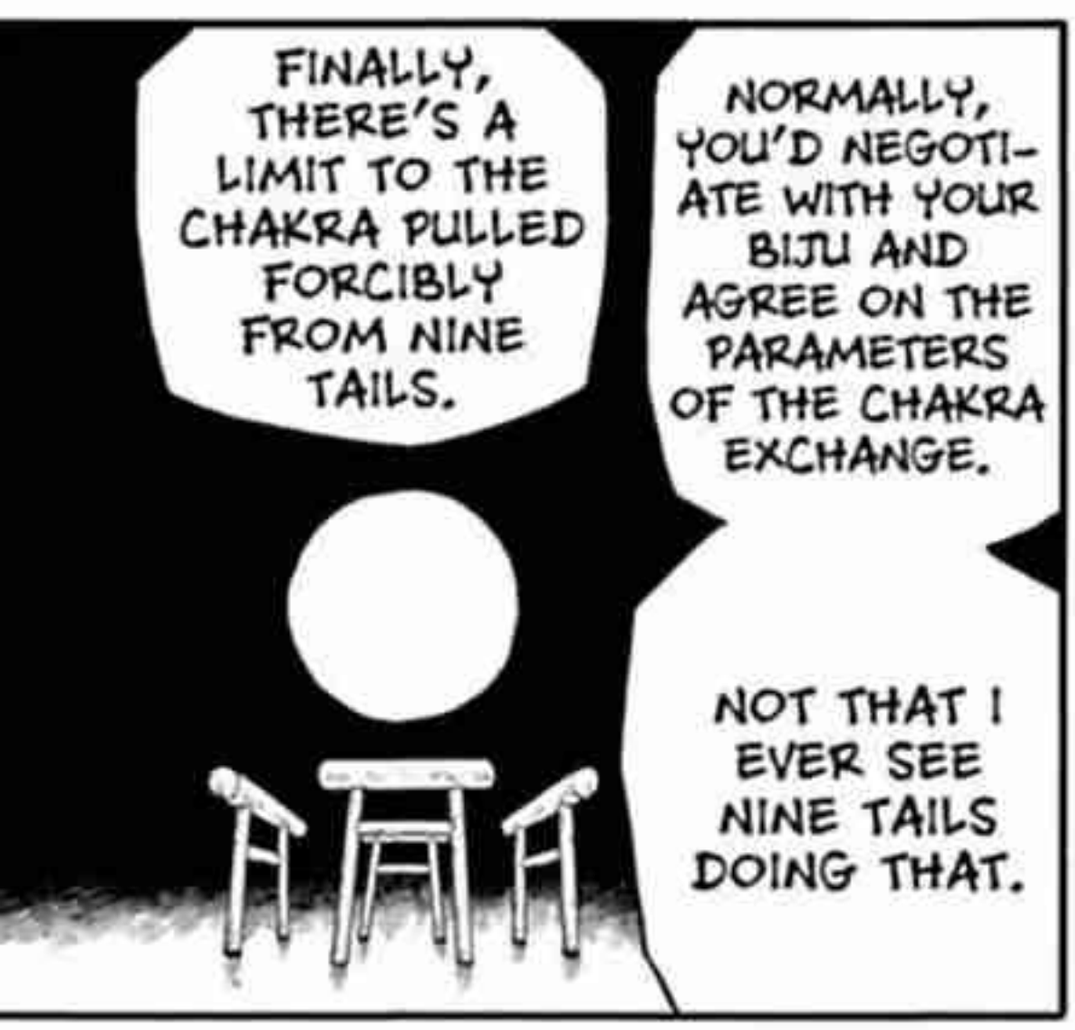
ZERO

NINE TAILS WILL TAKE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF NARUTO CHAKRA FROM EACH CLONE... SO YOU'LL BE DRAINED INSTANTLY AND DIE.

OH, AND I WOULDN'T ADVISE USING SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS IN BIJU CHAKRA MODE.


DON'T YOU MOCK NINE TAILS' POWER! HE'LL SUCK YOUR CHAKRA RIGHT OUT OF YOU!!
FOOL!!


HEH HEH, BUT I'VE GOT PLENTY OF MY OWN CHAKRA! I'VE BEEN GETTING ALL THE CHAKRA THAT LEAKS OUT OF NINE TAILS ALL MY LIFE!

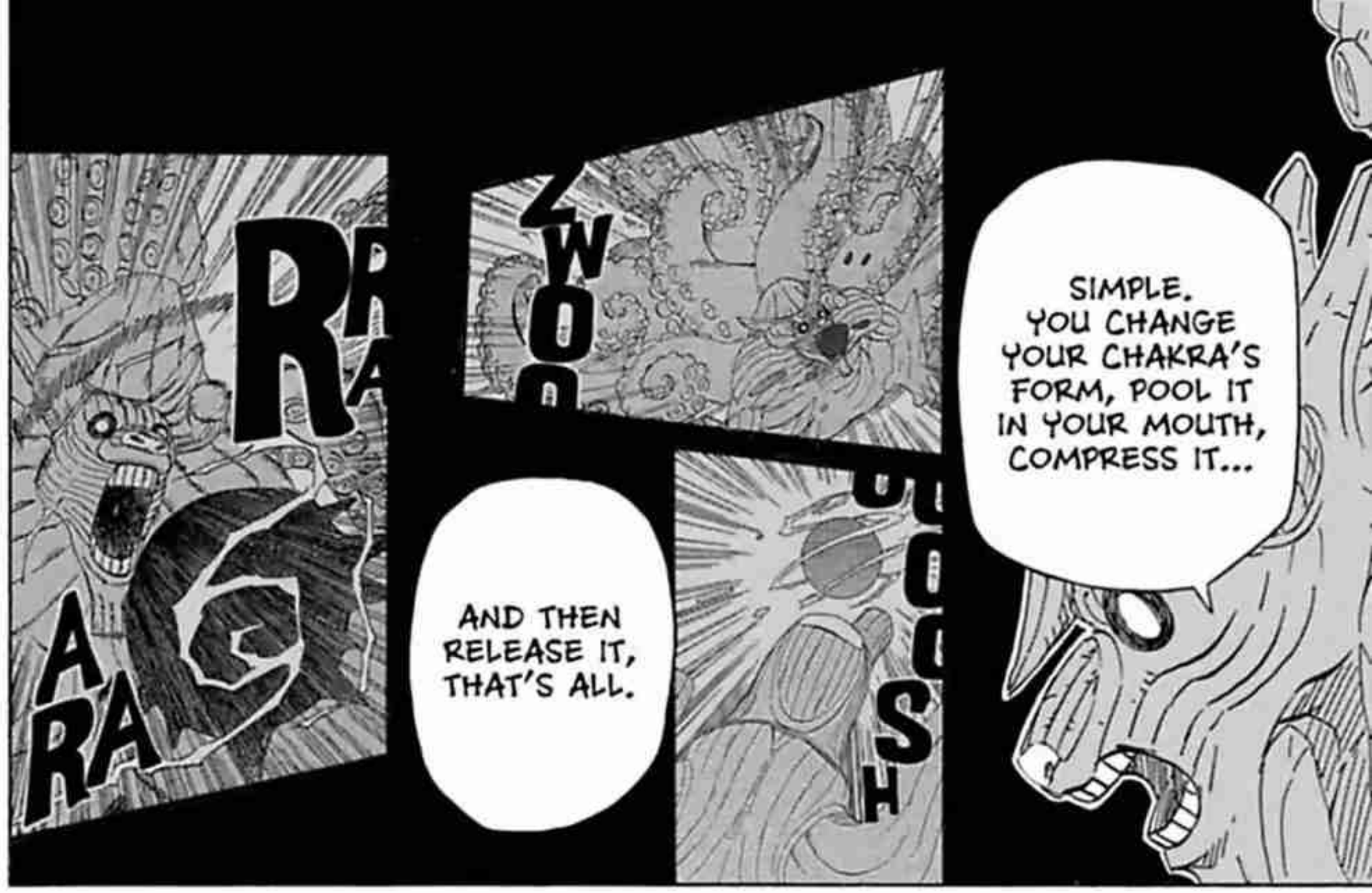

FINALLY, THERE'S A LIMIT TO THE CHAKRA PULLED FORCIBLY FROM NINE TAILS.
NORMALLY, YOU'D NEGOTIATE WITH YOUR BIJU AND AGREE ON THE PARAMETERS OF THE CHAKRA EXCHANGE.
NOT THAT I EVER SEE NINE TAILS DOING THAT.

BE REAL CAREFUL! IF YOU GET WOUND UP AND START USING NINE TAILS CHAKRA EXCLUSIVELY DURING A BATTLE...
YOU'LL BE DEAD BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!
IT TAKES A FAIR AMOUNT OF TIME TO RESTORE ANY NARUTO CHAKRA THAT'S BEEN SIPHONED OFF!

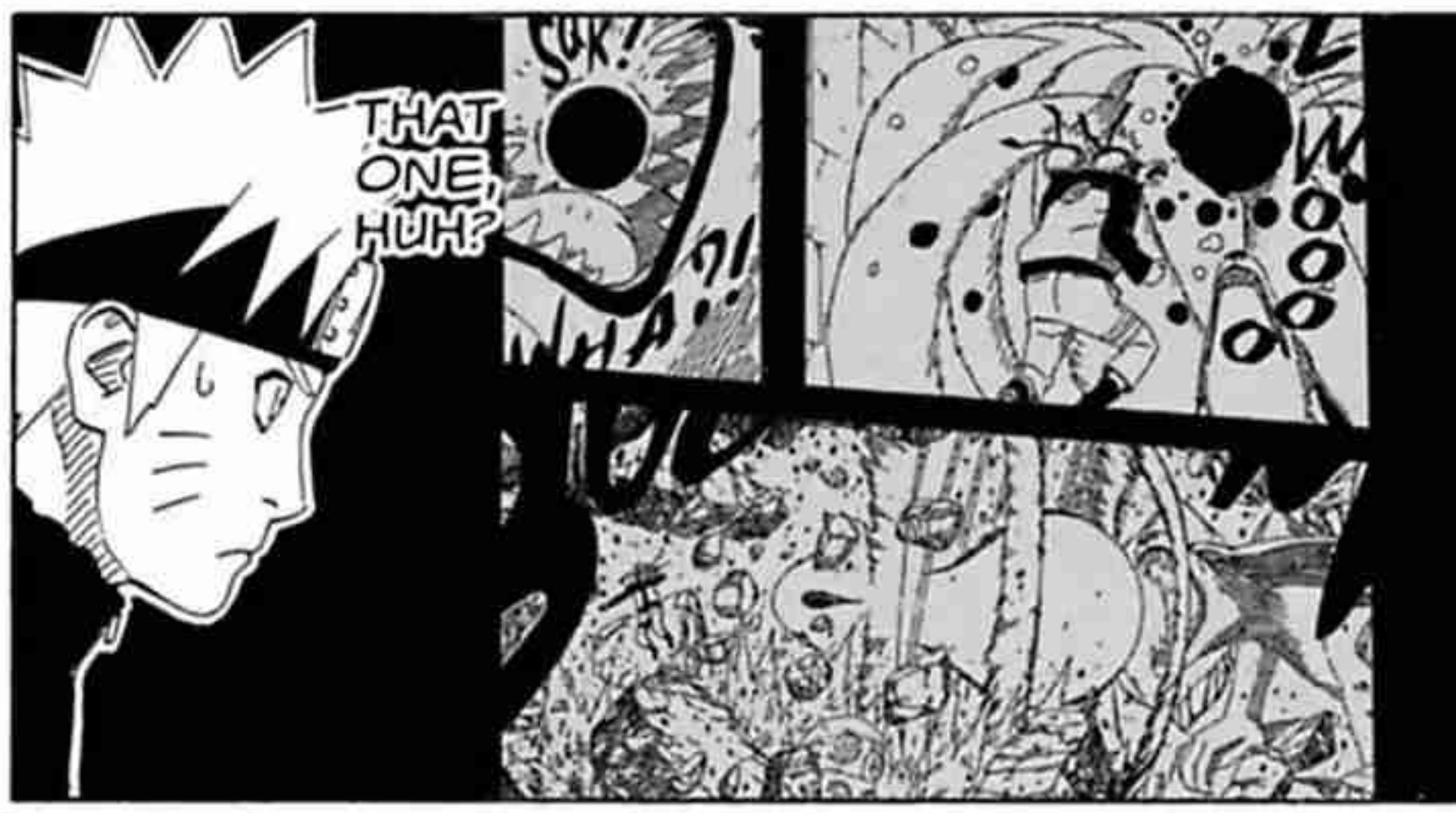
WHAT JUTSU IS THAT?
BIJU BOMB?
...
FWUP...

FOCUS ON POLISHING YOUR OWN SPECIAL MOVE.
YOU'D BEST GIVE UP ON THE BIJU BOMB.

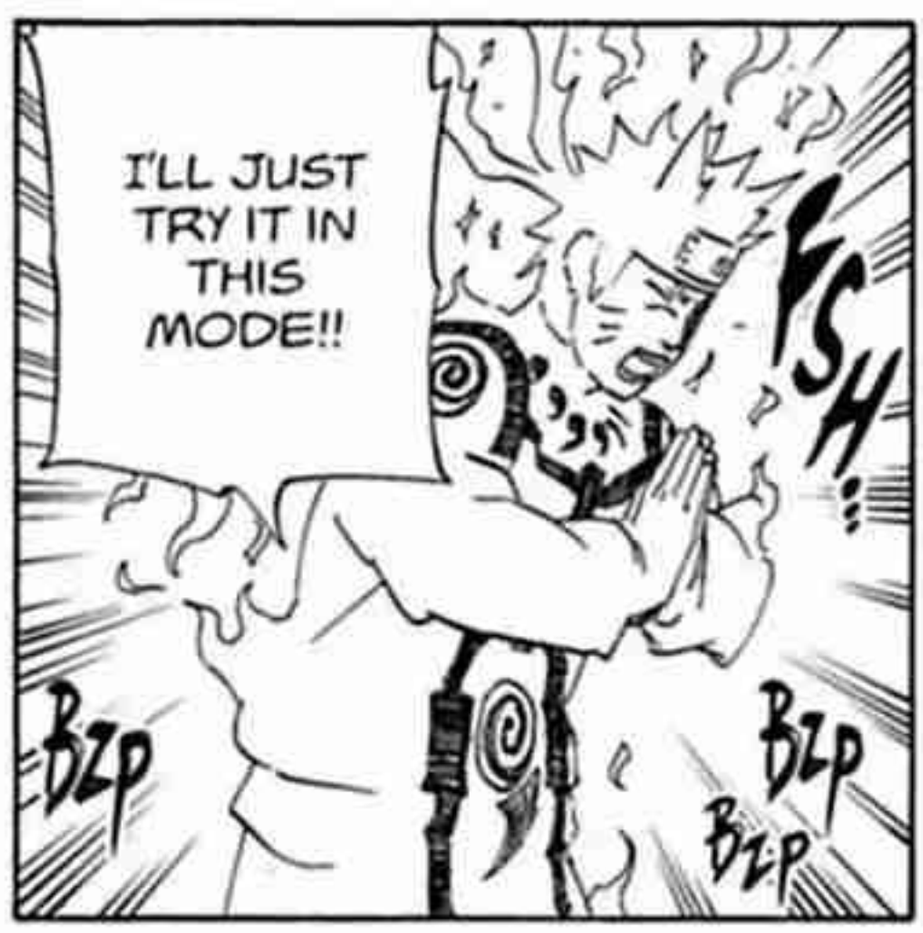
I CAN'T EVEN PERFORM THE ULTIMATE JINCHÛRIKI JUTSU?
...
IT'S TOO RISKY.
WUMP


RA
AGA
AND THEN RELEASE IT, THAT'S ALL.
SIMPLE. YOU CHANGE YOUR CHAKRA'S FORM, POOL IT IN YOUR MOUTH, COMPRESS IT...

THE SENSATION IS JUST LIKE THAT OF VOMITING.


THAT ONE, HUH?
SUK!

LIKE THIS?!
WHUMP
ULP!

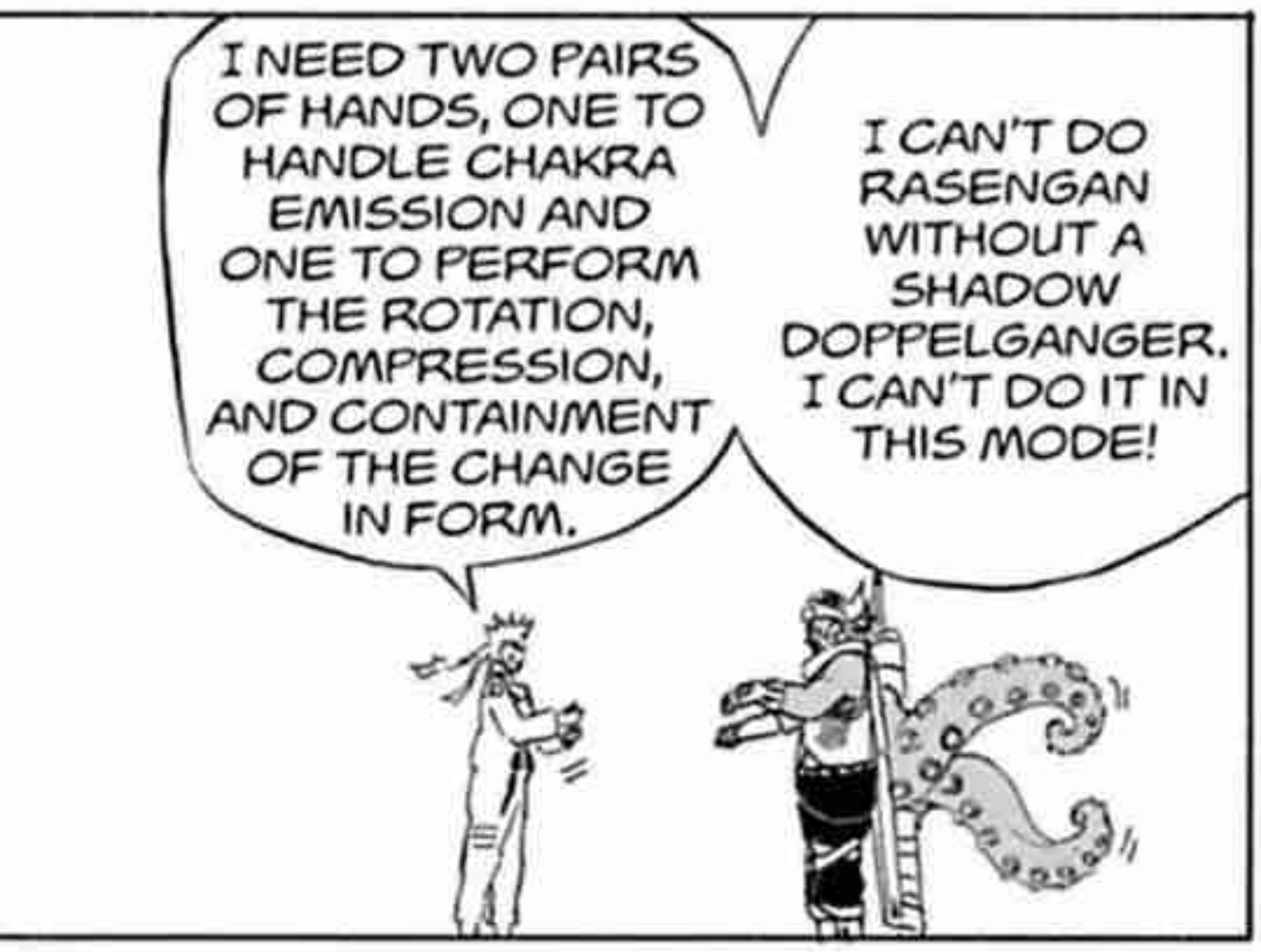

I'LL JUST TRY IT IN THIS MODE!!
FSH
BZP
BZP
BZP

...

ZWO

BUT I'VE EXPLAINED EVERYTHING TO YOU. NOW, BACK TO BEE...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT BIJU TRANSFORMATION.

AARGH!
DRIBBLE


I NEED TWO PAIRS OF HANDS, ONE TO HANDLE CHAKRA EMISSION AND ONE TO PERFORM THE ROTATION, COMPRESSION, AND CONTAINMENT OF THE CHANGE IN FORM.
I CAN'T DO RASENGAN WITHOUT A SHADOW DOPPELGANGER. I CAN'T DO IT IN THIS MODE!

THE ONLY THING LEFT IS TO TRY YOUR SPECIAL MOVE IN BIJU CHAKRA MODE. WE MUST BE DILIGENT ♪
WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED... WE MUST RELENT ♪

OKAY...
...

NOT TO BE MISTAKEN FOR YOUR ACTUAL ARMS AND LEGS, HMMM?!? ♪
BIJU CHAKRA FEELS LIKE AN EXTENSION OF YOUR LIMBS ♪
FSH
FSH
FSH

NOW BRING UP THAT SPECIAL MOVE OF YOURS, AND LET'S SEE IF WE CAN USE ANY PART ♪
VERY NICE, A GOOD START ♪

ALL RIGHT !

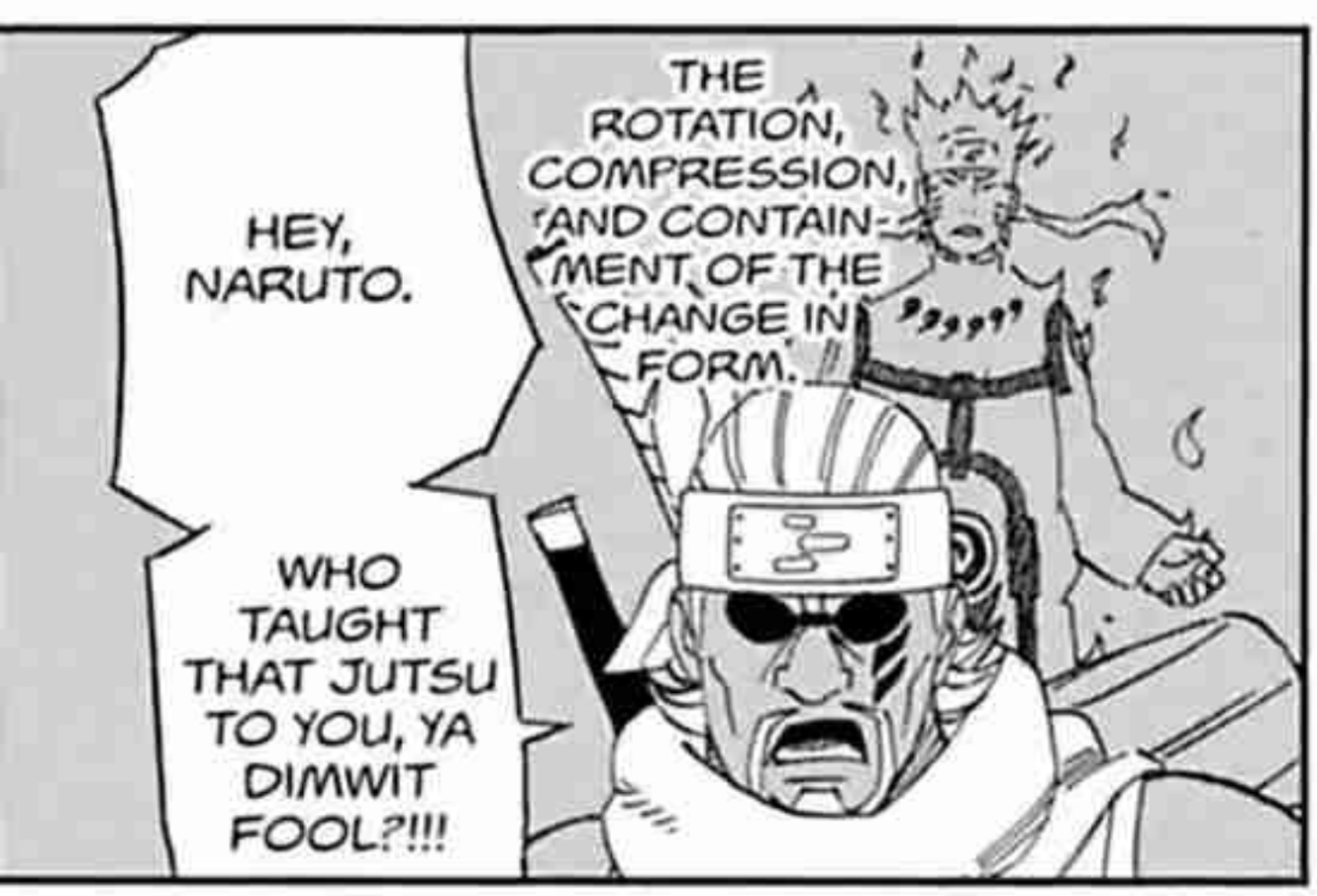
YOU MEAN LIKE THIS?
ZWUP
ZWUP

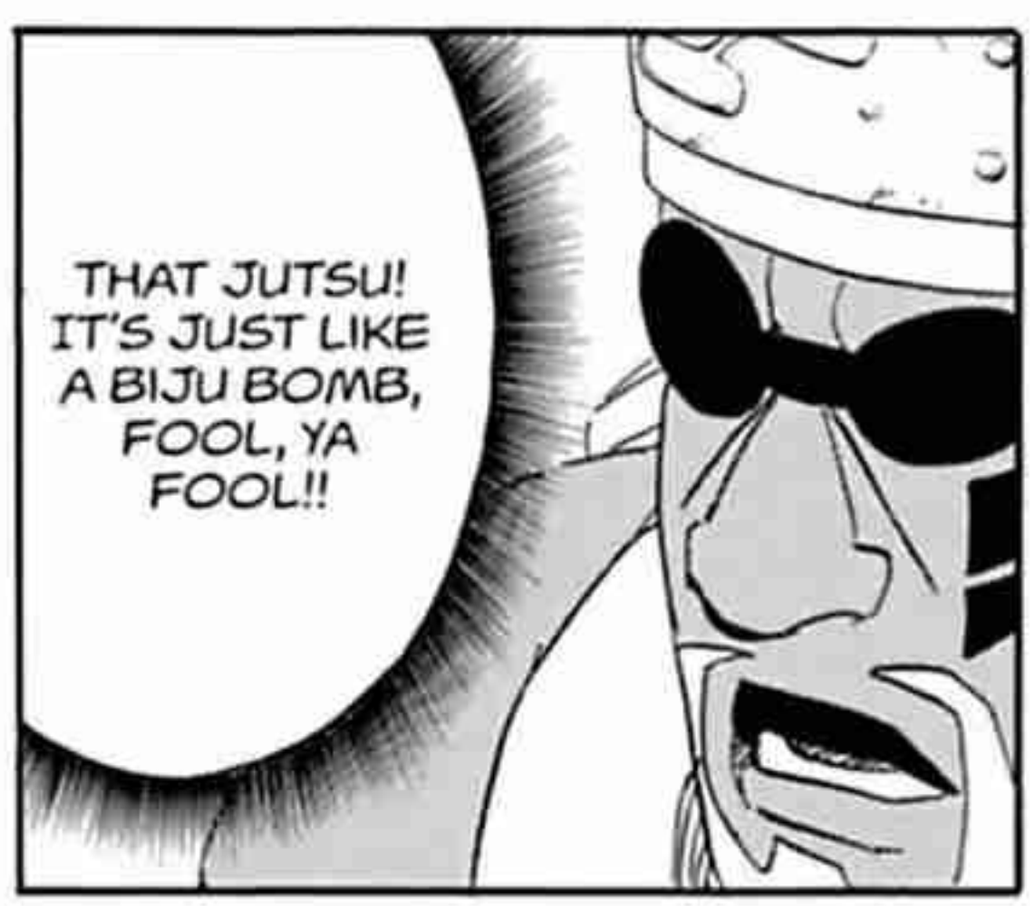
RASENGAN!!
WHUP
WHUP
WEEN

POOP
WOOSH
WAH!!

HUH?!

THAT'S!!
?!


HEY, NARUTO.
THE ROTATION, COMPRESSION, AND CONTAINMENT OF THE CHANGE IN FORM.
WHO TAUGHT THAT JUTSU TO YOU, YA DIMWIT FOOL?!!!


THAT JUTSU! IT'S JUST LIKE A BIJU BOMB, FOOL, YA FOOL!!

FSH
FSH
...!!

PERVY SAGE!
UM, I MEAN MASTER JIRAIYA. THOUGH IT WAS THE FOURTH HOKAGE WHO INVENTED IT.
HUH?! OH!

WHAT A COINCIDENCE! HOW FATEFUL! TRULY NOT A SHAME ♪

THE FOURTH HOKAGE?!!!

IT'S LIKE IT WAS DEVELOPED TO BESTOW THE BIJU BOMB UPON YOU!! HOW INSANE ♪

...

THE RASENGAN MUST HAVE BEEN MODELED...

...ON THIS BIJU MODE MOVE!!

THE RASENGAN! IT'S PUT TOGETHER JUST LIKE A BIJU BOMB! THEY'RE COMPLETELY THE SAME ♪

READ THIS WAY
BUT...
IT'S NOT WORKING AS WELL AS MY REGULAR RASEN-GAN...
SSH
IT'S EASY TO ACHIEVE IN BIJU STATE.
IF YOU ADD ROTATION, THAT MAKES IT MORE PLAUSIBLE!!
BUT WHEN STILL HUMAN, THE CHANGE IN FORM IS DIFFICULT, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE!
WHEN YOU'RE COMPRESSING IT, MAKE THE WHITE TO BLACK RATIO TWO TO EIGHT AND IT'LL FORM A SPHERE!
SWU
BLP
BIJU CHAKRA IS COMPOSED OF POSITIVE BLACK CHAKRA AND NEGATIVE WHITE CHAKRA AND THEIR RATIO IS THE KEY!
YESSIR !!
NOW TRY IT!!

NARUTO

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THE INCREDIBLE GUTS
NARUTO
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520 - THE SECRET BEHIND IMPURE WORLD RESURRECTION
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NARUTO

I'M CONFUSED! POSITIVE! NEGATIVE! WHITE CHAKRA! BLACK CHAKRA! RATIOS!
I LEARN BY DOING, YA KNOW?!
NO, NO, YOUR RATIO'S STILL OUT OF WHACK ♪
THAT WAS BLACK 9.5 TO WHITE 0.5! IT'S MUCH HARDER THAN IT SOUNDS, TO GRASP THE KNACK ♪
BAM
PFFT
WAAH!!
...!
I'M GONNA KEEP AT IT UNTIL I GET IT! AND GET IT, AND GET IT, AND OWN IT!
FSH!
THIS BIJU RASENGAN!!
HOW DO I FOCUS ON THE DETAILS?!
'SIDES, THIS RASENGAN IS SO HEAVY! IF I DON'T USE BOTH HANDS IT FALLS APART!

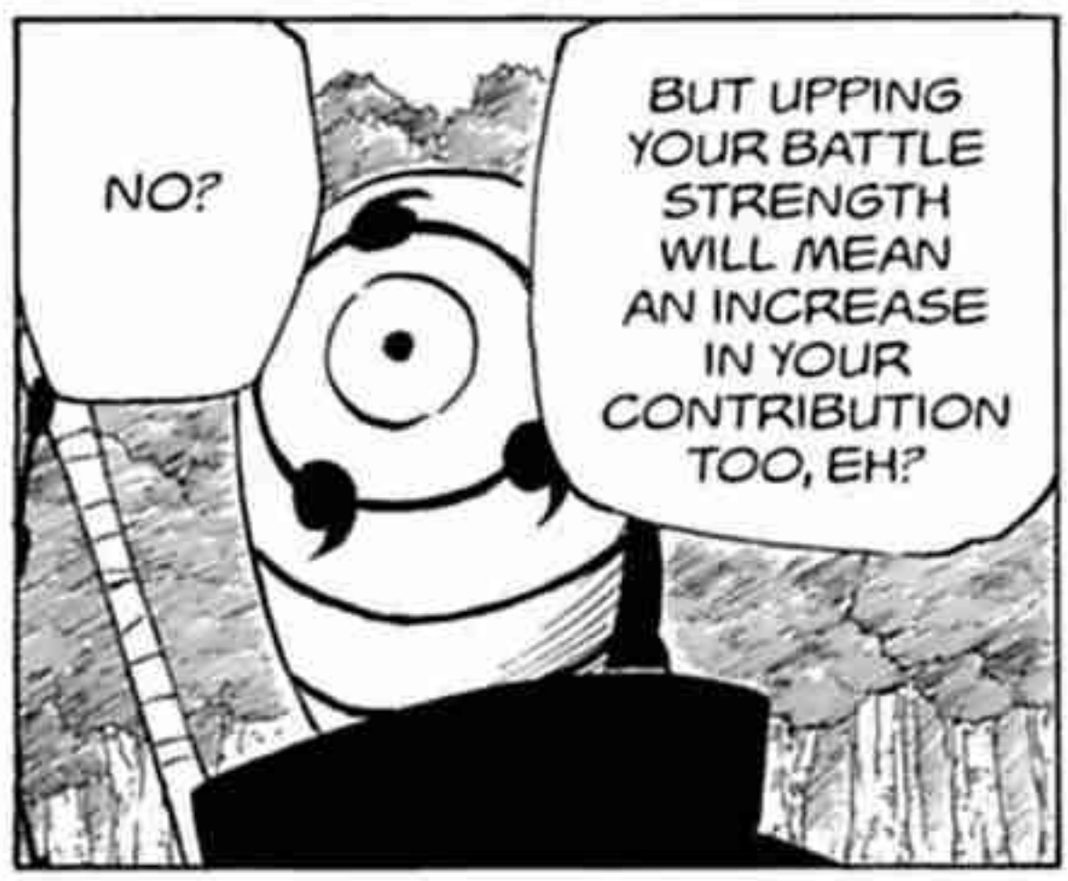
I TOLD YOU, I CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THE DETAILS!

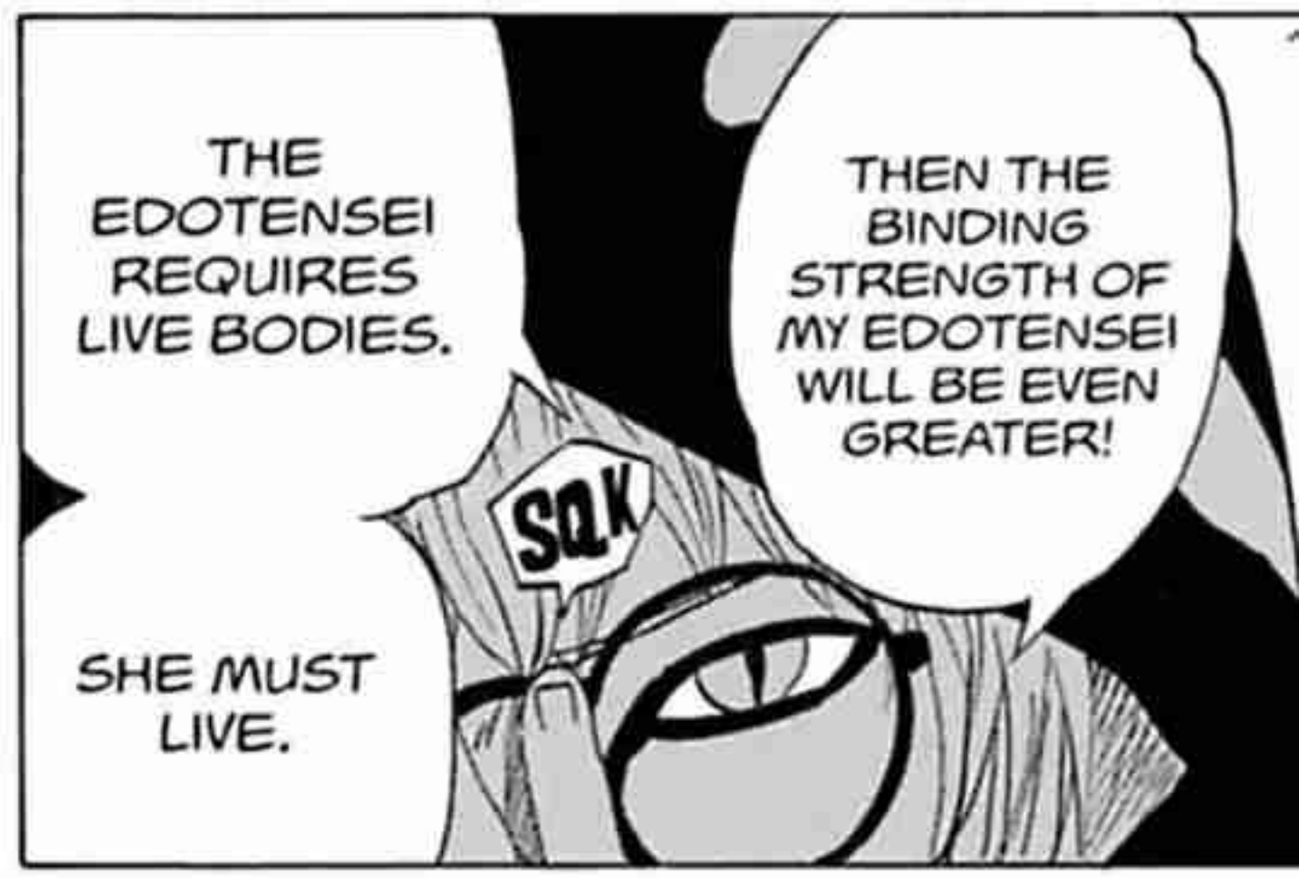
READ THIS WAY
I'M GONNA TRY TO LEARN IT BY FEEL!
BZP
FSH
BZP
OCTOPOPS, TELL ME WHEN I HIT AN 8-TO-2 RATIO!
...
I'LL SWALLOW MY WORDS AND HELP YOU TELL ♪
...YOU SURE ARE PERSIS-TENT... VERY WELL ♪
SHE KNOWS WHERE OUR HQ IS AND HOW TO GET INSIDE.
NO... YOU MUST FINISH HER OFF HERE AND NOW.
UNH...
SHE'S COMPATIBLE WITH LORD OROCHIMARU'S CURSE MARK. SHE CARRIES SOME OF HIS CHAKRA.
THE WOMAN IS STILL ALIVE.
I CAN'T KILL HER YET.

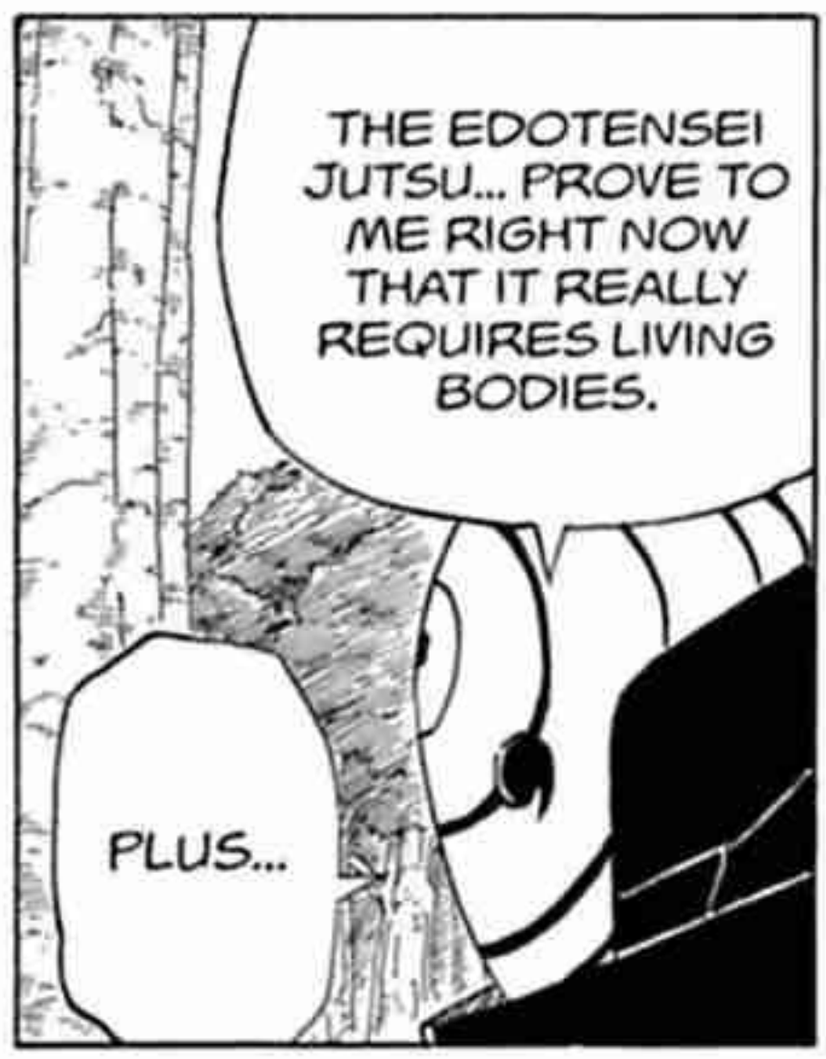
I AM NOW LORD OROCHIMARU, AT LEAST IN BODY.

HIS CHAKRA IS CRITICAL FOR ME IF I AM TO EXPAND MY POWER.

SHE NEEDS TO BE ALIVE FOR ME TO EXTRACT LORD OROCHIMARU'S CHAKRA.







READ THIS WAY
GRRRR
INCLUDING HOW TO STOP IT!
YOU WILL SPILL ALL ITS SECRETS!
YOUR LIFE!!
AND IF I SAY NO...?
YOU WILL SURELY NOT REACH WHAT YOU DESIRE, AND WHAT YOU DESIRE WILL BECOME SOMETHING ELSE.
...
TAKING ON THE RINNEGAN HERE WON'T HELP ME...
BUT I'VE GOT A PLAN. NO NEED TO GIVE AWAY ALL MY SECRETS AT ONCE.
...VERY WELL...
BUT THERE'S NO ONE HERE TO USE AS A SACRIFICE...
LIKE I SAID, THIS WOMAN'S OFF-LIMITS.

WOOOO

WHAM

THEY'VE BEEN UNDER SHARINGAN-BASED GENJUTSU EVER SINCE I CAPTURED THEM.
DANZO'S LAPDOGS.

THOSE TWO. AREN'T THEY...?

?!

SNAP

SO MERCI-LESS...

FSH

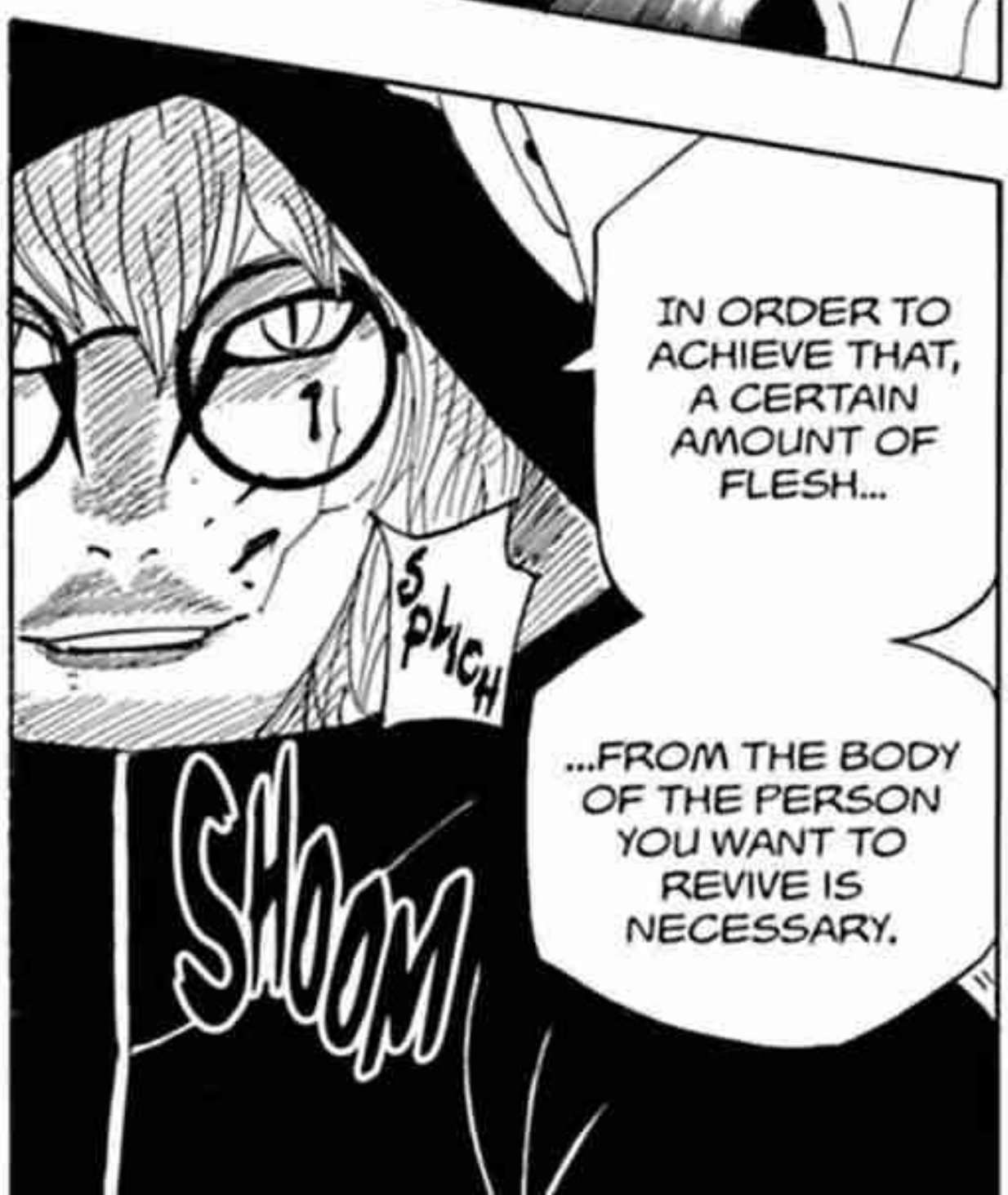
WW...

NOW RECALL THE SOUL OF THE ONE I JUST KILLED AND REVIVE HIM INSIDE THIS OTHER ONE USING THE EDOTENSEI.
HERE, I'VE DONE THE PREP WORK FOR YOU...

SSSH...

ZWP...

IT INVOLVES SUMMONING A SOUL OF THE DEAD FROM THE PURE LAND, OR AFTERLIFE, BACK TO THIS PLANE... EDO THE IMPURE WORLD...
CHK


IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FLESH...
SPLICH
...FROM THE BODY OF THE PERSON YOU WANT TO REVIVE IS NECESSARY.
SHOOM

...JUST SO YOU KNOW... THE EDOTENSEI IS CATEGORIZED AS A TYPE OF SUMMONING JUTSU...
WOOSH
OOOOM...
FSH

LORD OROCHIMARU ONCE TRIED TO REVIVE THE FOURTH HOKAGE AND FAILED...

...BECAUSE THE GOD OF DEATH NOW HAS HIS SOUL AFTER HE USED THE REAPER DEATH SEAL SEALING JUTSU.

SPLATCH

ANY TISSUE THAT CONTAINS PERSONAL INFORMATION MATERIAL.

IN ADDITION, THOSE WHOSE SOULS DO NOT DWELL IN THE PURE LAND... FOR EXAMPLE, THEIR SOULS ARE SEALED AWAY SOME-WHERE ELSE, ALSO CANNOT BE REVIVED.

IF NONE EXISTS, THAT PERSON CANNOT BE REVIVED WITH THE EDOTENSEI.

...TAKING THE SOULS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND HOKAGE WITH HIM.

DUEL

AND... DURING OPERATION DESTROY KONOHA... THIRD HOKAGE HIRUZEN ALSO USED THE SAME SEALING JUTSU ON HIMSELF...

BUT HARVESTING THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION MATERIAL WAS A REAL ORDEAL...

I REVIVED NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS ...

SIZZZZ...

SSS...

WHAD

THAT'S RIGHT...

WHICH MEANS... THE FIRST THROUGH FOURTH HOKAGES CAN NO LONGER BE RECALLED?

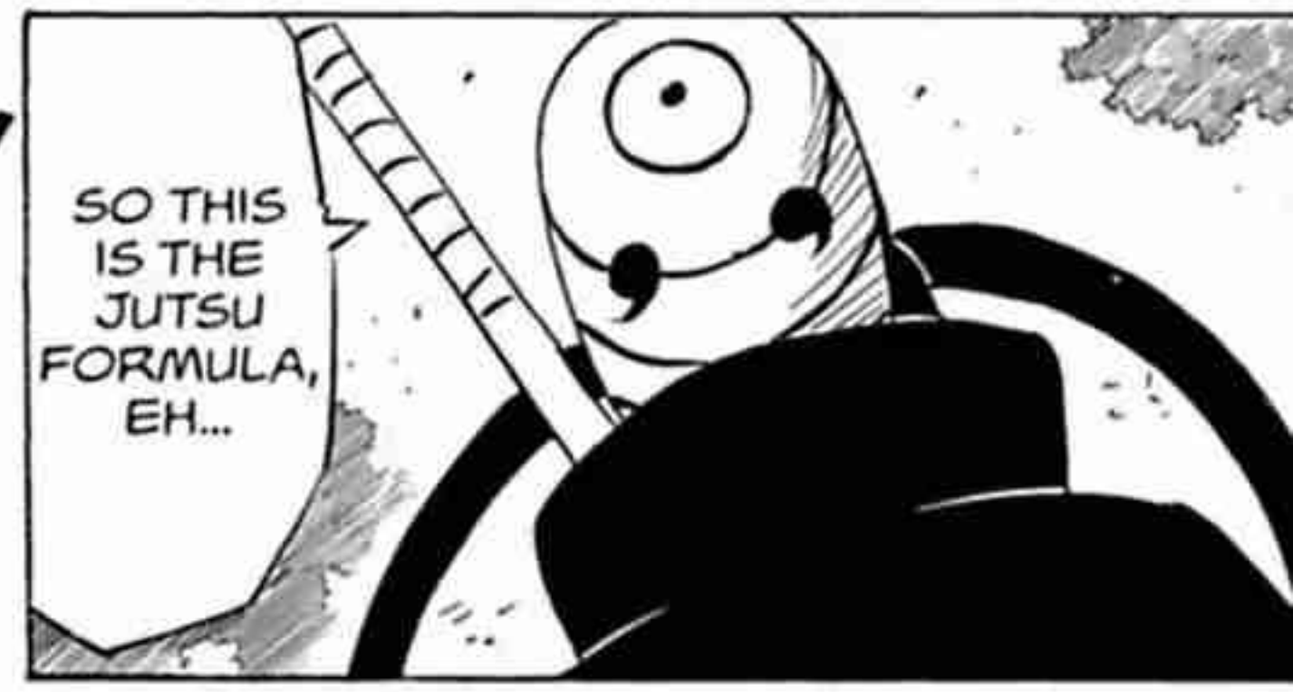
THUD

WHOOSH

SOMETIMES THEY'RE SO ROTTED YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL WHO IT IS.

IT'S REALLY JUST GRAVE ROBBING.

A FEW JUST DID NOTHING.



THUS YOU MAKE THE LIVING PERSON THE VESSEL FOR THE DEAD ONE'S SOUL.

AND THAT COMPLETES THE EDO-TENSEI.

HUF

HUF

HUF

AAARGHH!!!

ZWWWWWWWW

...THE REVIVED RECOVERS ALL ABILITIES POSSESSED DURING LIFE AND BECOMES AN IMMORTAL PAWN, BOUND TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS.

THIS TAG SUPPRESSES FREE WILL, AND ONCE GIVEN CERTAIN COMMANDS...

ZWW...

!!

DEVELOPED BY THE SECOND HOKAGE AND PERFECTED BY LORD OROCHIMARU, IT IS THEIR GREATEST LEGACY!

IT TRULY IS THE GREATEST, MOST POWERFUL JUTSU OF THE SHINOBI WORLD!

SHUP

!!

WHA... WHAT?!

UNUSUAL ABILITIES SUCH AS THE SIX PATHS RINNEGAN AND ITACHI'S SHARINGAN ARE RESTORED AS WELL.

HOWEVER, PERHAPS THERE IS STILL ENOUGH OF THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION MATERIAL REMAINING IN DANZO'S RIGHT EYE AND THE SIX PAINS' WEAPONS, RESPECTIVELY...

IT'S JUST THAT... I COULD NOT LOCATE UCHIHA SHISUI'S BODY ANYWHERE. AND JIRAIYA'S WAS TOO DEEP UNDERSEA, AT A WATER PRESSURE INTOLERABLE TO HUMAN INTRUSION.

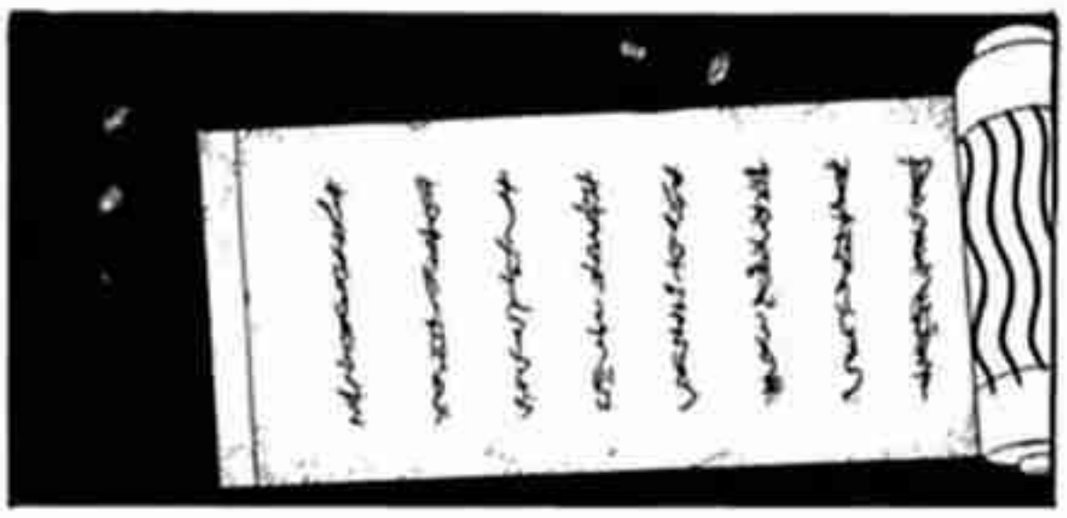
SUCH AN IDEAL JUTSU...

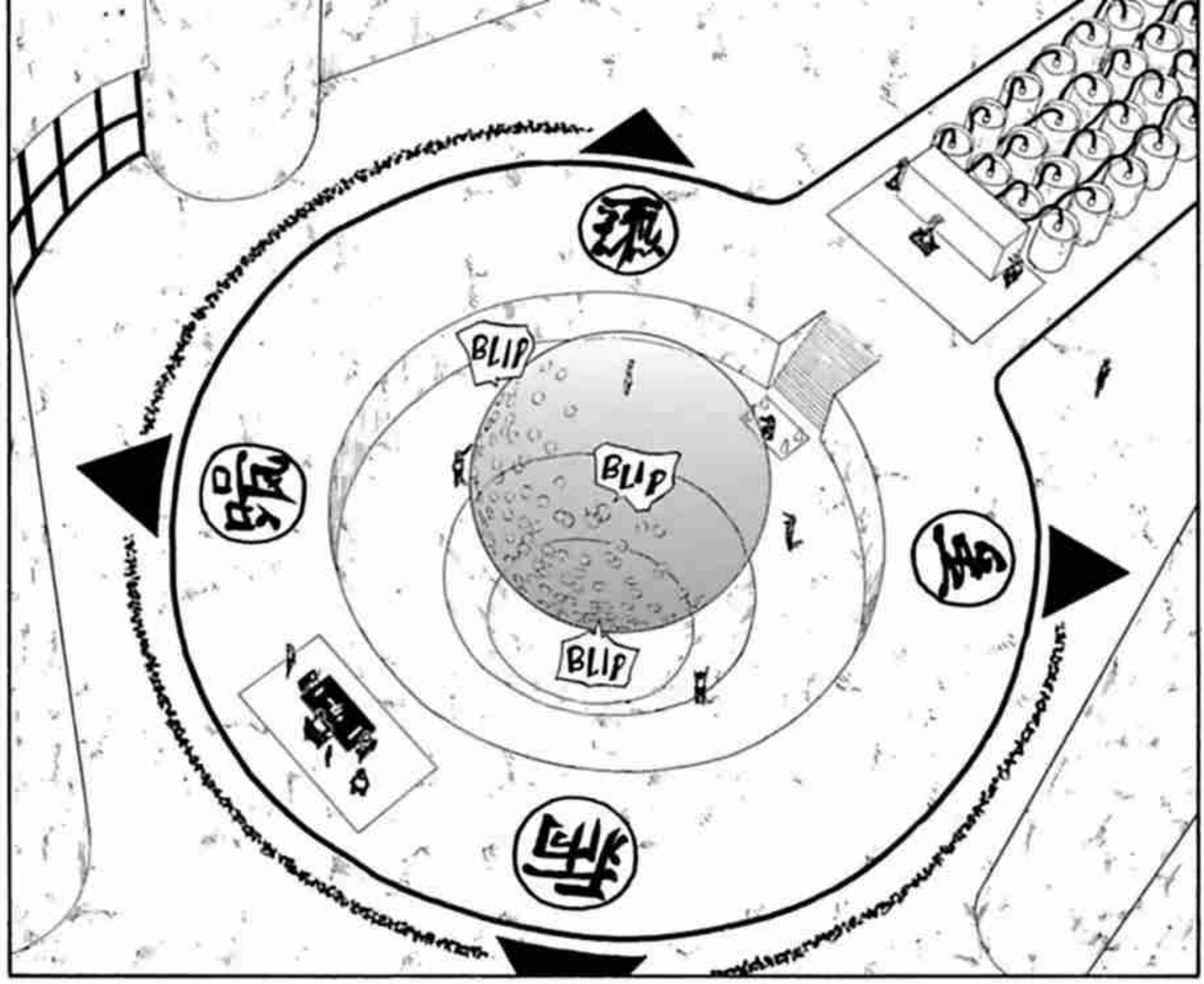
IT MUST HAVE SOME RISKS...

...WELL, NEVER MIND THEN...

I SUPPOSE I HAVE ENOUGH PAWNS FOR NOW...

DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK...




BLIP
BLIP
BLIP

CONTACT KITSUCHI, STAT!!
SPLIT APART THE GROUND WITH DOTON!

A GREAT ARMY IS MARCHING HERE UNDER-GROUND!
WE WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY MISSED THIS WITHOUT ABURAME MUTA'S INTEL...
THEY'RE PLANNING TO PASS RIGHT UNDER OUR TROOPS' FEET! ARE THEY TRYING TO TAKE THE ALLIED FORCES FROM THE REAR?
WE NEED TO EXPAND SENSING RANGES DEEPER DOWN!

INTEL UNIT, RELAY THE FOLLOWING TO KITSUCHI, NOW.

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INCOMING!

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INTEL UNIT, SQUAD ONE

SHOW SHOW
!!

KA BOOM

BO OM

OKAY!!!

I'M GOING TO KEEP THEM COMING!!

ZAJI, THE BEACON!!

IT'S THE COMMANDO UNIT... LET'S GO!

MM!

A RED FLARE...

FSH

VOOSH

LOOKS LIKE YOU WASTED A JUTSU, HAKU.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MASTER ZABUZA?

THIS EDOTENSEI... I GUESS WE CAN'T DIE SINCE WE'RE DEAD ALREADY.

...I REALLY DON'T CARE FOR THIS JUTSU...

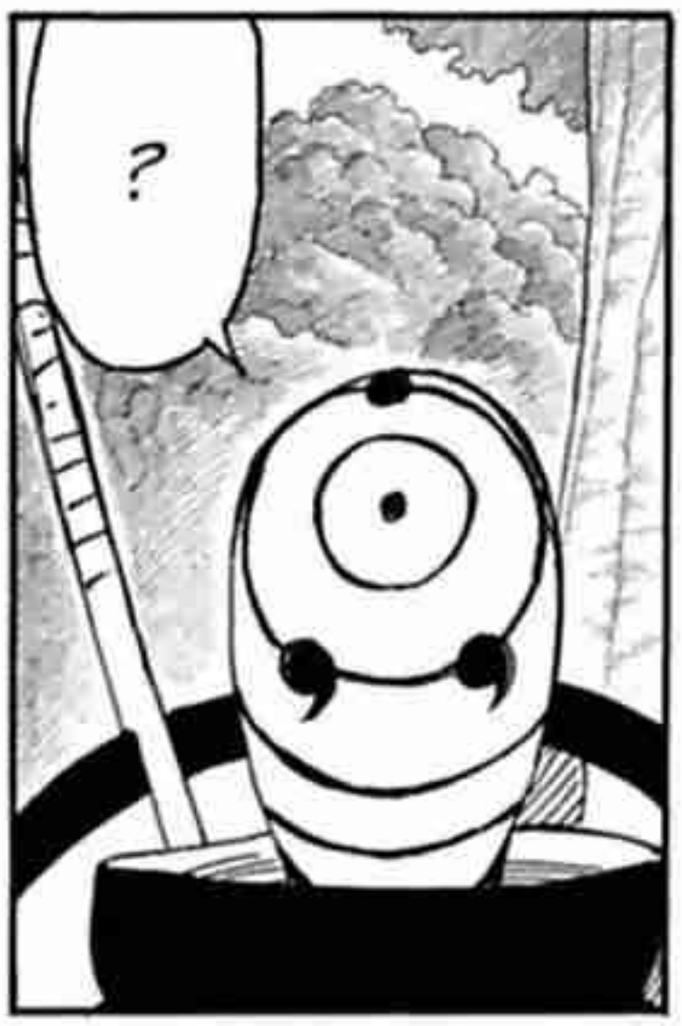
...IS THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO RISK TO THE CASTER!

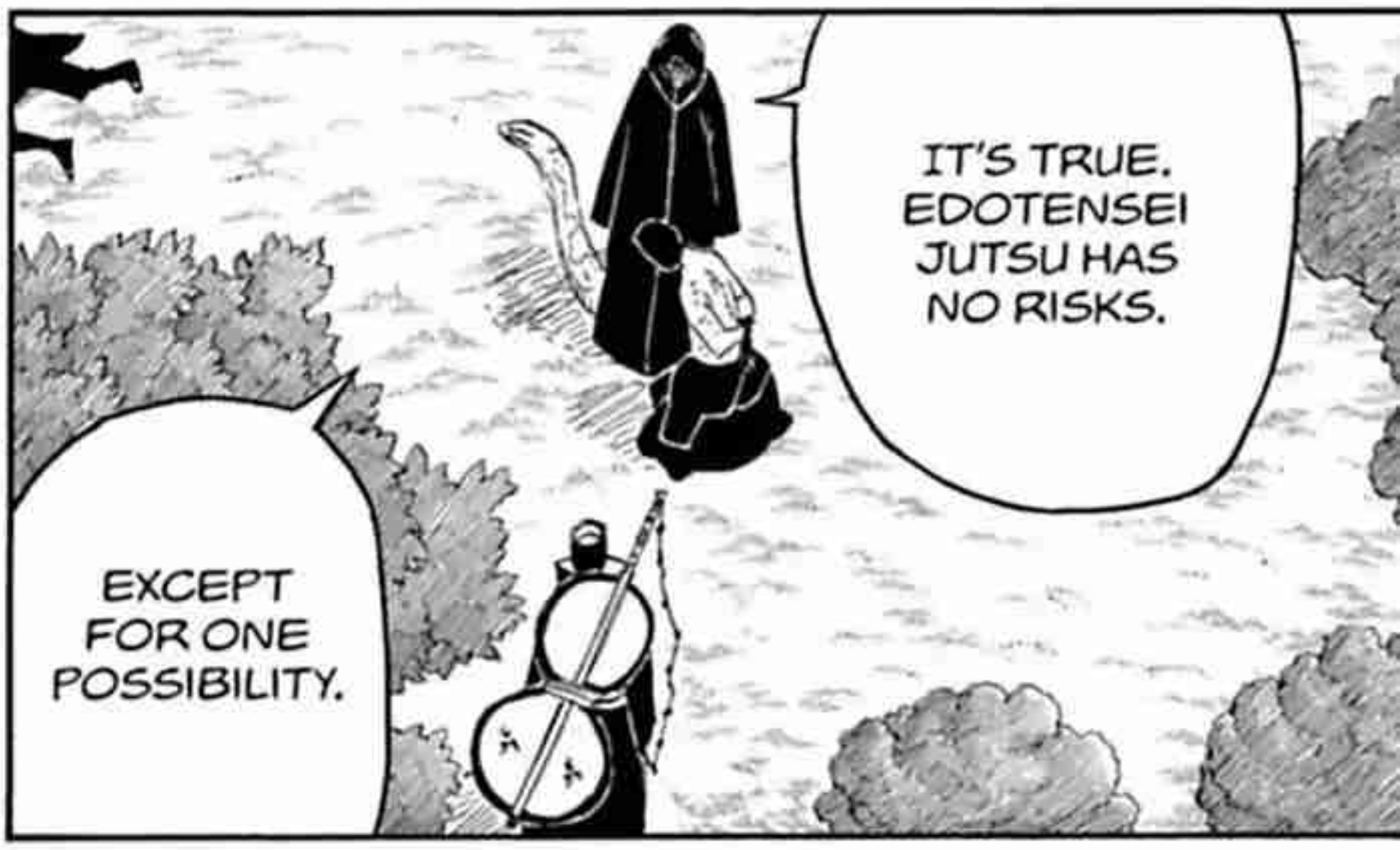
THE MOST BRILLIANT ASPECT OF THE EDOTENSEI...

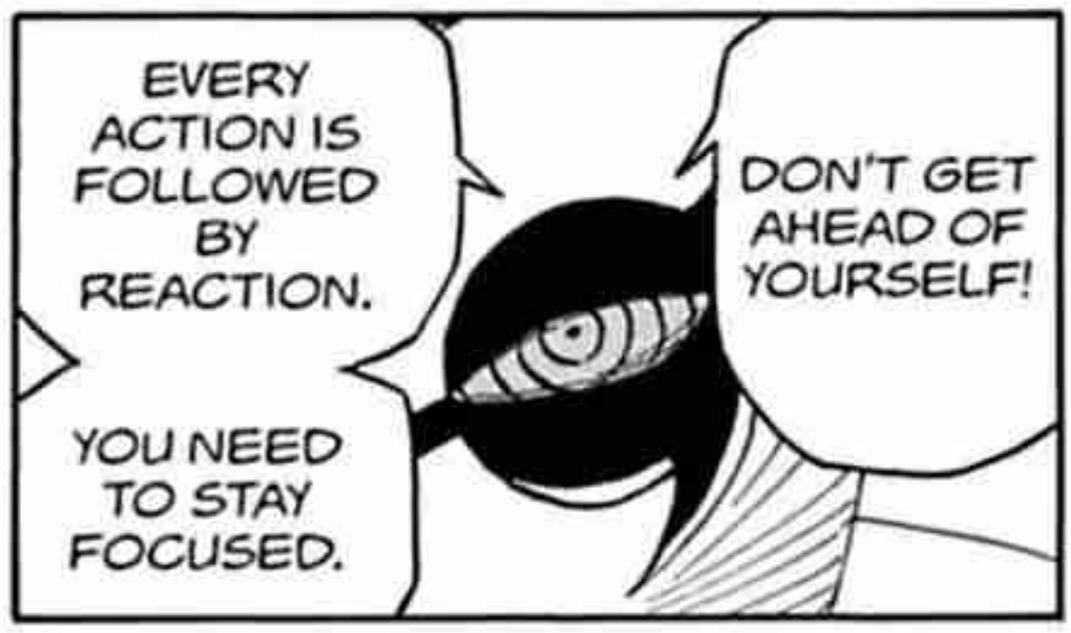
NARUTO

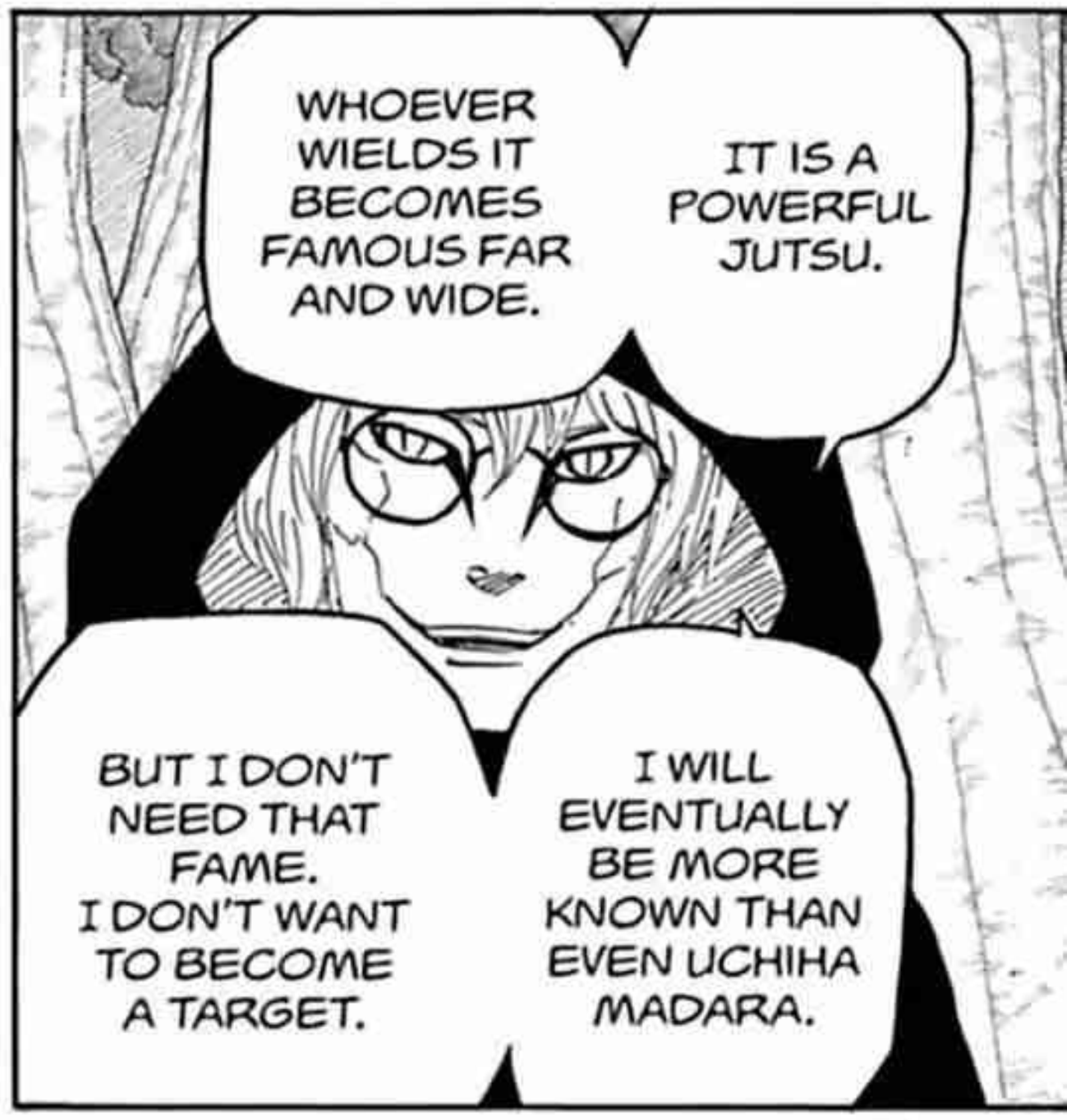
Number
521:
The Main Regiment in Battle!!

THERE IS NO RISK?









YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME HOW TO STOP EDOTENSEI!

CLUNK

I'M LEAVING.

TIME TO FIND A HIDING PLACE FIT FOR ONE OF MY INTELLIGENCE LEVEL.

YOU CAN USE SHARINGAN, PERHAPS.

YOUR OTHER CHOICE IS TO SEAL AWAY THE REVIVED SOULS.

YOU CAN STOP IT BY MANIPULATING THE CONTROLLER OF THE EDOTENSEI...

...INTO WEAVING THE SIGNS *DOG*, *HORSE*, AND *TIGER* AND THEN UTTERING **RELEASE**!

EVEN IF YOU DIE, THE EDOTENSEI YOU CREATE REMAINS.

OH! I ALMOST FORGOT.

IT'S SIMPLE.

SO HOW DOES ONE STOP IT?

TAK

SHOOM

NOW I TOLD YOU WHAT TO DO. I MUST GO.

I'M NOT BRAVE ENOUGH TO LIE TO YOU.

SWOO

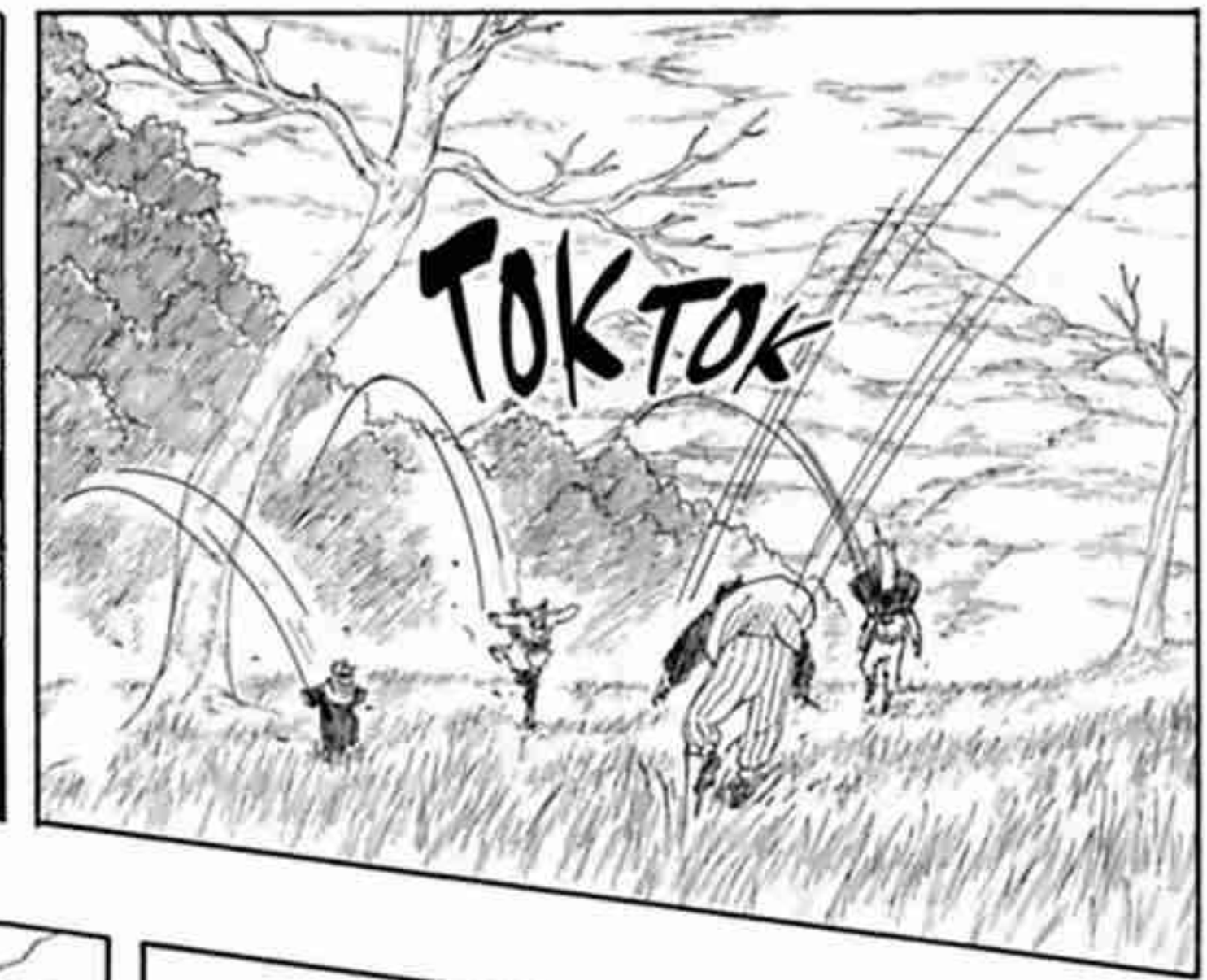
YOU'D BETTER NOT BE LYING!

...

I SWEAR ONE DAY I'LL CRACK THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS!!

SO AS LONG AS I HAVE THE EDOTENSEI AND THAT OTHER JUTSU, I'M INVINCIBLE.

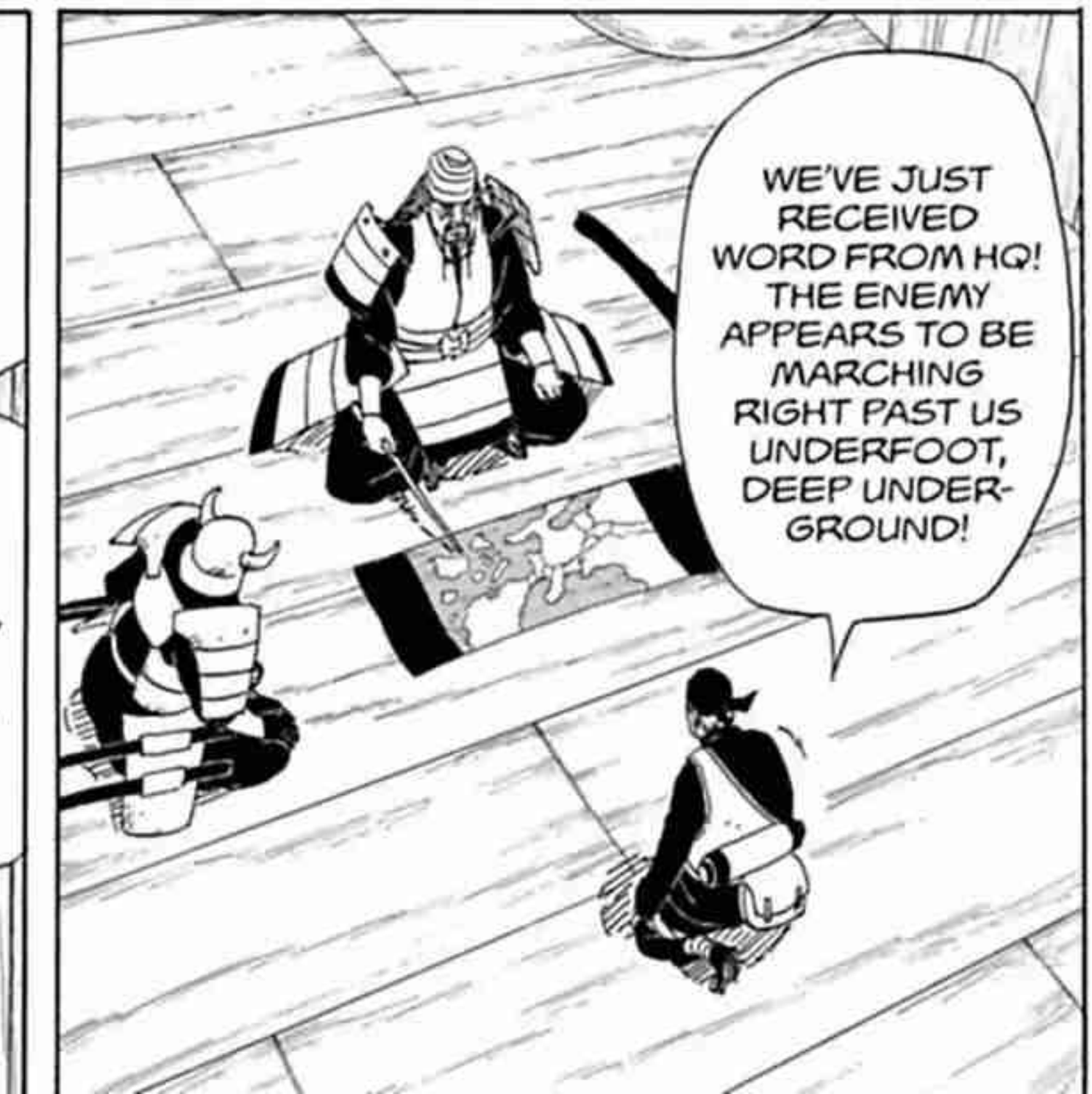
COME BE REINFORCE-MENTS.


TOK TOK

CAPTAIN MIFUNÉ!

THE JUTSU HAS BEEN REFINED SINCE THE TIME OF THE SECOND HOKAGE, TOBIRAMA.
WHAT AN IMPRESSIVE NINJA TO HAVE BOUND SO MANY SOULS AT ONCE.
THE EDO-TENSEI.

THE SENSORY UNIT MEMBERS ON THE GROUND CAN'T DETECT THEM.
THAT CAN ONLY MEAN THEY MUST NOT BE HUMAN.


WE'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM HQ! THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MARCHING RIGHT PAST US UNDERFOOT, DEEP UNDER-GROUND!

...FROM OUR FIFTH COMPANY CLOSEST TO KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY AND SEND THEM OVER AS REINFORCEMENTS!!

QUICKLY!!

黄ツチ第2部隊
KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY

ダルイ第1部隊
DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY

ミフネ 第5部隊
MIFUNE'S FIFTH COMPANY

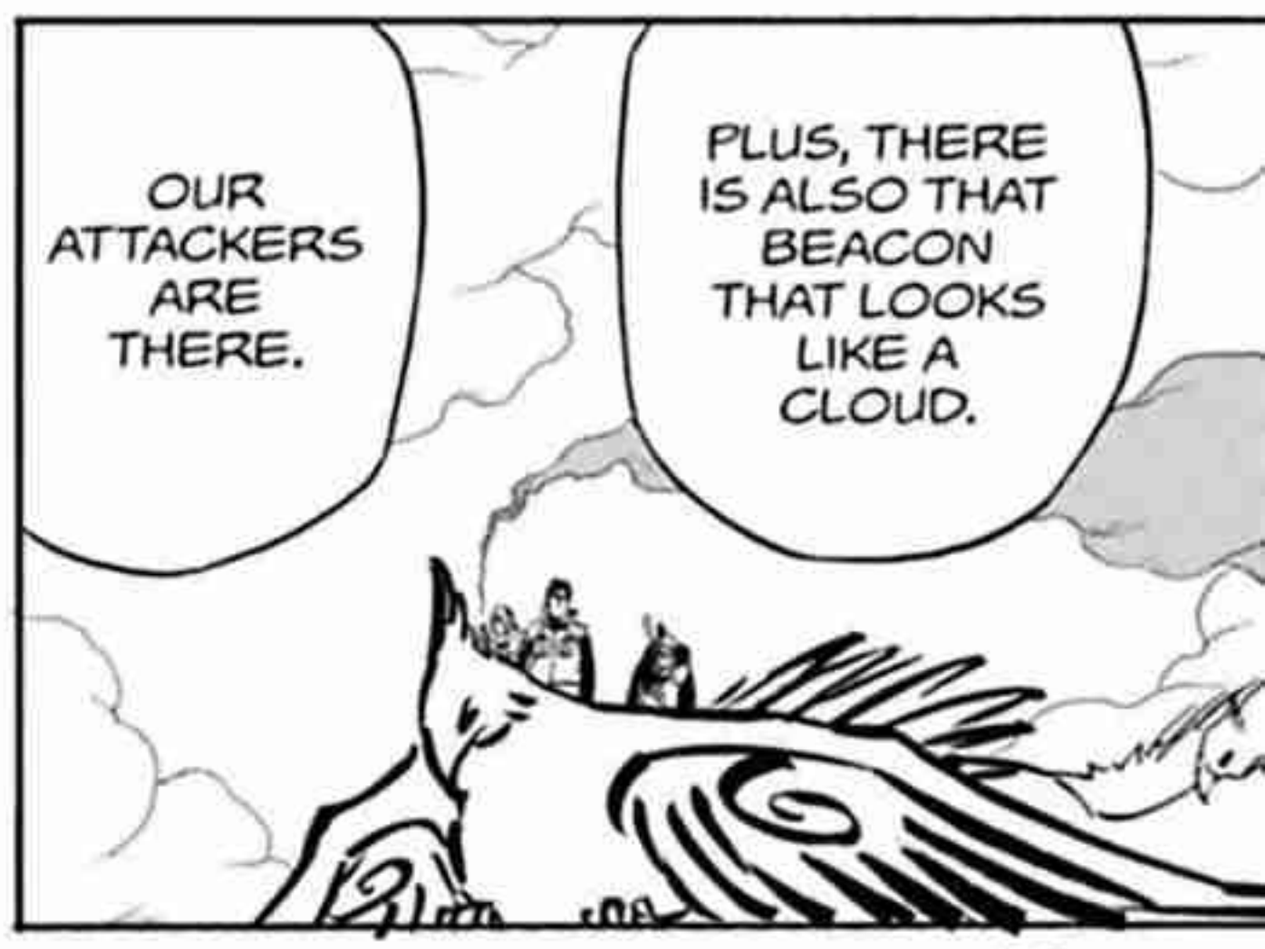
我愛羅第4部隊
GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY

カンクロウ奇襲部隊
KANKURO'S COMMANDO UNIT

はたけカカシ第3部隊
KAKASHI'S THIRD UNIT

TOK

ALL RIGHT! CONSIDERING OUR ELONGATED DEPLOYMENT FORMATION, TAKE A FEW OF THE PLATOONS...



READ THIS WAY
THEY TOLD US TO RENDEZ-VOUS WITH YOU! SO, IS THE ENEMY NEARBY?
SHOOM
SHOOM
KIBA! SHINO!
THAT WAS QUICK, KIBA!
SHOOM
SHOOM
SHOOM
YUP...
BA
M
EARTH STYLE! ERUPT!!

ENGAGE!!
SHOO
D-
D-
D-
D-
D-

FANG OVER FANG!!

SPINNING FANGS!!

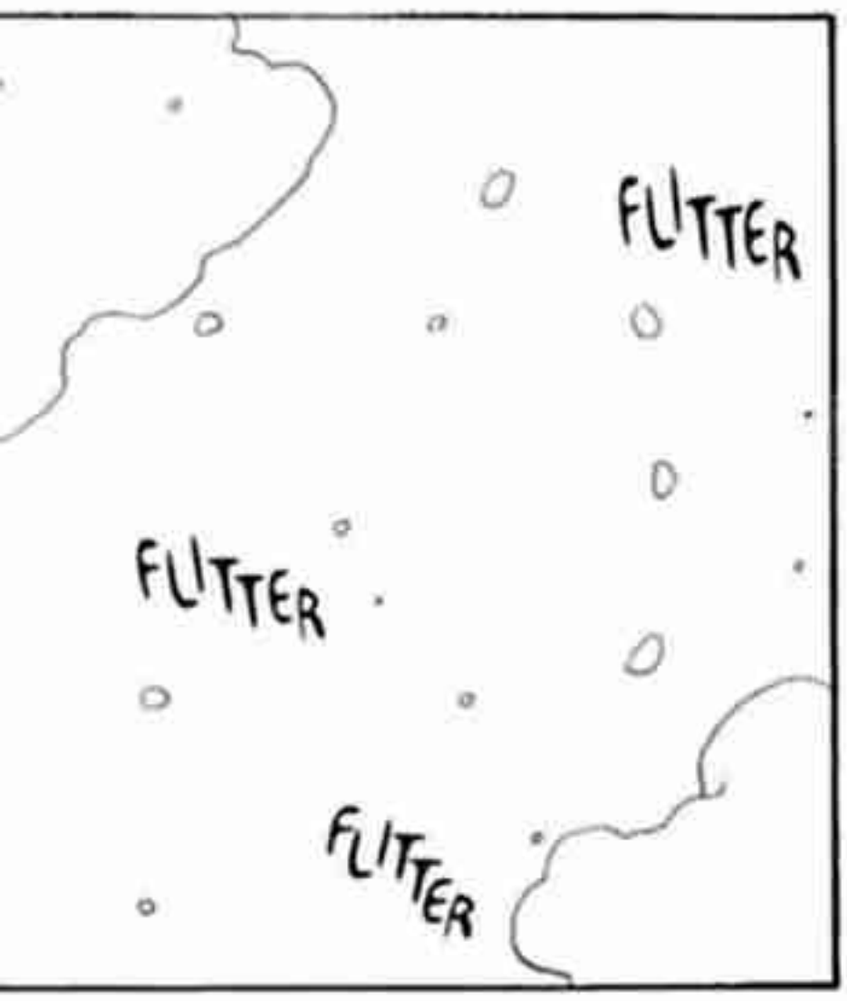
8 TRIGRAMS AIR PALM WALL!!

BEETLE SPHERE!!

SMASH !!

CLOUD STYLE! FRONT SLICE!!

THK-THK-THK-THK-THK-THK



FSH
SECRET JUTSU! ICE CRYSTAL MAGIC MIRROR TECHNIQUE!!
!!
UGH!!
WHOA!
SPL
SWSH
SWSH
SWOOSH
KRAK KRAK KRAK

READ THIS WAY
H-HEYA! THAT'S...
!
OWW...
TUP
TUP
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
OW!
UGH!
UNH!
EXCEPT ME.
TH-THEY'RE ALL KEKKEI GENKAI SHINOBI!!
!!
WHAT THE... THEY'RE ALL KIDS.
PAKURA OF SAND AND GARI OF STONES!!
OUR BODIES ARE IMMORTAL, WHICH MEANS A MUTUAL STRIKE IS SUFFICIENT.
HERE THEY COME!!
ZOOM
ZOOM
ZOOM
WE'RE NOT IN CONTROL OF OUR ACTIONS.
IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL TOWARDS YOU ALL...
SZH...

WHAM

!!

THAT DAY ON THE BRIDGE, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO FINISH ME OFF AND SEND ME TO HELL.
I KNEW I WOULD HAVE TO FIGHT, BUT I NEVER IMAGINED IT WOULD BE AGAINST YOU, KAKASHI.
FSH

DON'T KICK UP YOUR HEELS YET.
THANK YOU, MASTER KAKASHI!
THESE ARE ALL BOTHER-SOME SHINOBI.

ZABUZA. HAKU.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE.
THIS IS THE WORLD OF THE LIVING.

SO THIS IS NEITHER HELL NOR HEAVEN.
BUT WHEN I CAME TO, I WAS WITH HAKU.
I THOUGHT IT ODD THEN.

BAM BAM BAM BAM
WAIT FOR CAPTAIN KAKASHI'S SIGNAL.
WHAT? THEY KNOW EACH OTHER?

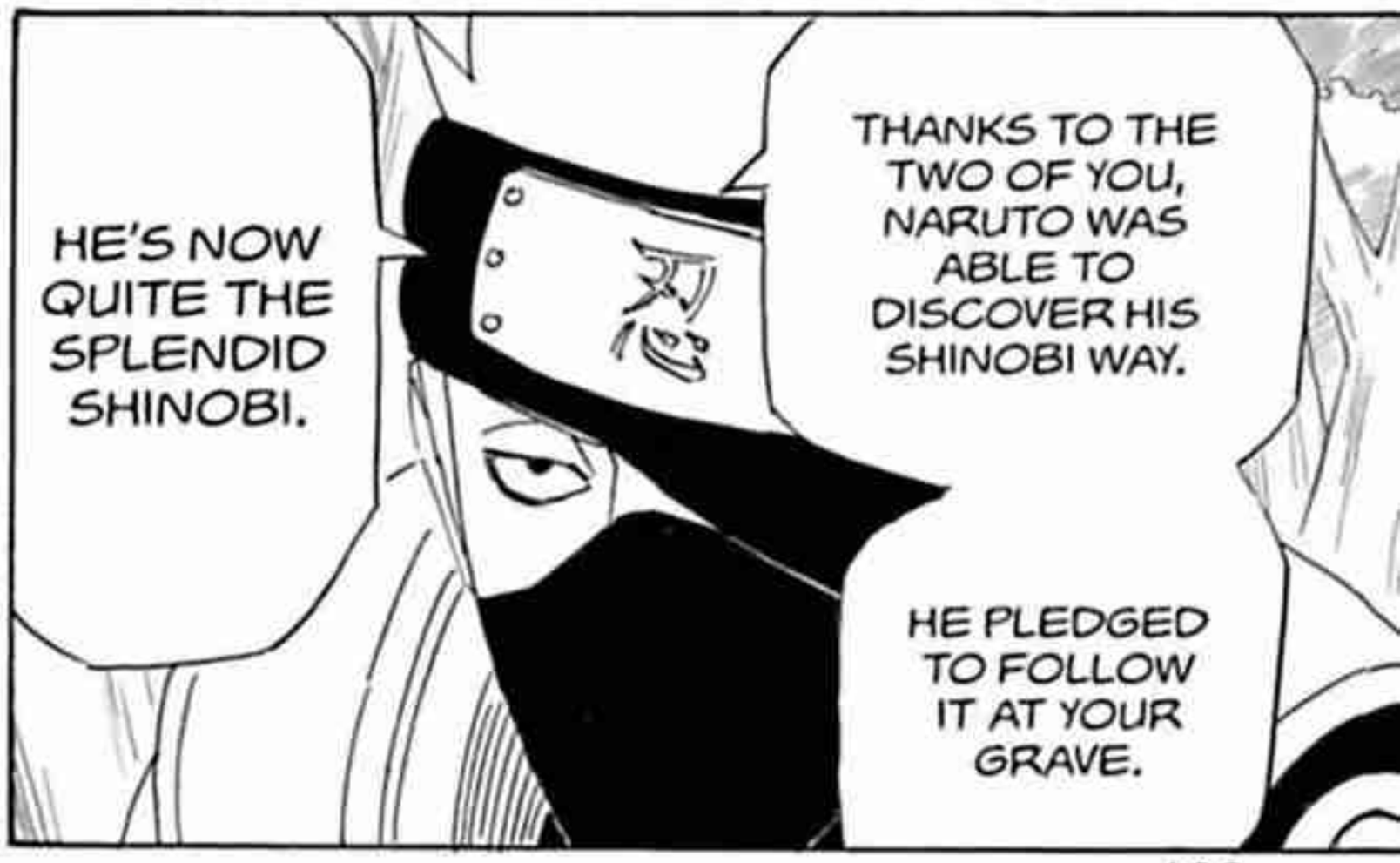
ALL THE PEOPLE WHO USED TO TREAT ME LIKE DIRT WILL HAVE TO SAY, "HE'S THE NUMBER ONE NINJA"!
TO BECOME TOP DOG IN MY HOME-TOWN...

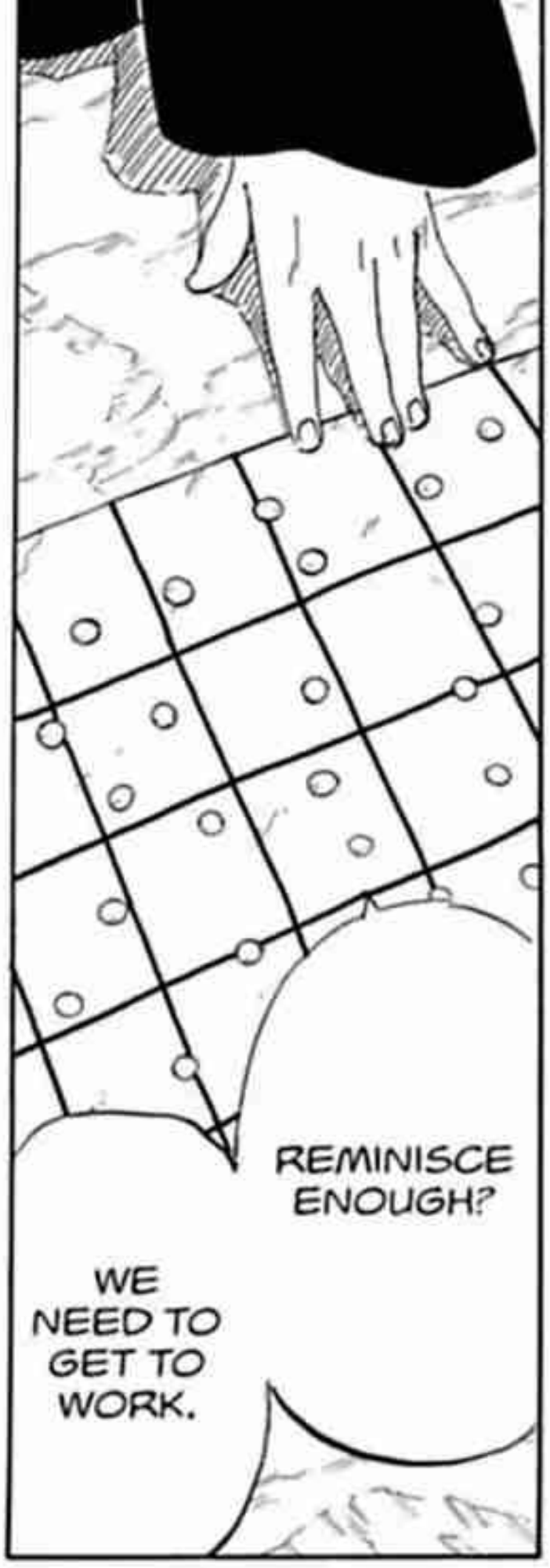
AND IS THAT OTHER LAD STILL DOING WELL?
HO! YOU'VE GROWN UP, KAKASHI'S LITTLE KUNOICHI.
HUH?! UH... YES!

...?
HEH...

YEAH, THEY NAMED THAT BRIDGE AFTER HIM. THE GREAT NARUTO BRIDGE!
HE DEFEATED US. HE MUST BE FAMOUS.
TO EVERYONE IN THAT VILLAGE HE'S A HERO.

...NOW HE SHALL GET EVEN STRONGER.
WELL THEN...


HE'S NOW QUITE THE SPLENDID SHINOBI.
THANKS TO THE TWO OF YOU, NARUTO WAS ABLE TO DISCOVER HIS SHINOBI WAY.
HE PLEDGED TO FOLLOW IT AT YOUR GRAVE.

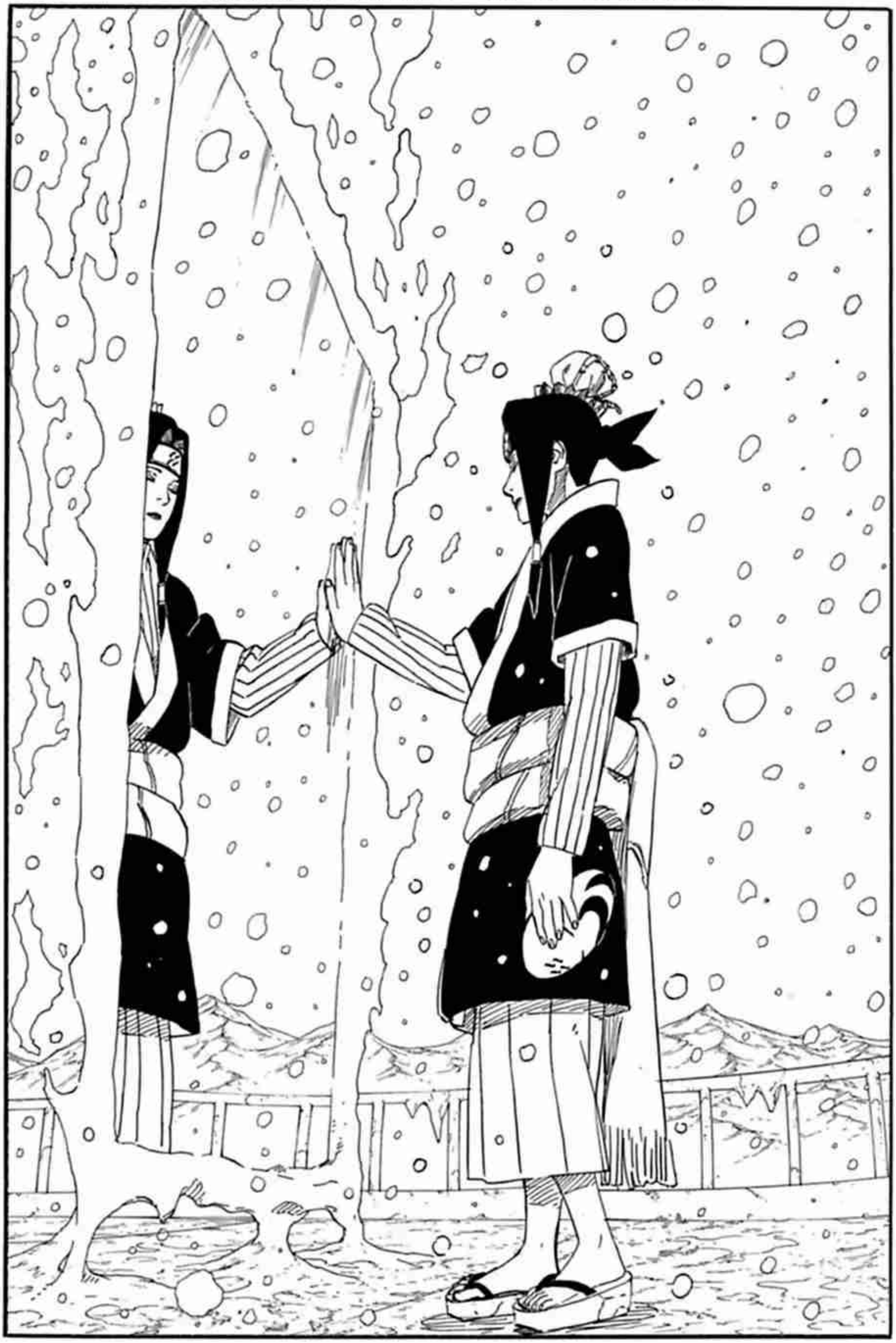

REMINISCE ENOUGH?
WE NEED TO GET TO WORK.

UNH

HERE WE GO!!
I CAN FEEL POWER FLOWING INTO ME!

KAKASHI... YOU MUST STOP...
...US!

Number 522: We Died.



YEAH! NO MISTAKE!!

I-ISN'T THAT...?!

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

WAH!

THAT'S THE DEMON MOMOCHI ZABUZA!!

AND THE ACCURSED SNOW CLAN CHILD WITH THE ICE STYLE!

RAW

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, GUY! HE IS UNPARALLELED AT SILENT KILLING!

PREPARE YOURSELVES!

THAT AURA! THE DEMON ZABUZA!

ANOTHER ICE STYLE NINJA!

ZABUZA NEVER THOUGHT YOU WERE MERELY A TOOL TO USE FOR HIS DESTRUCTIVE WHIMS.

...ANOTHER WORD...
KID...
NOT...

HE DIED WITHOUT ANY OF HIS DREAMS EVER COMING TRUE. TO DIE AS HIS TOOL, THAT'S TOO MUCH, TOO CRUEL.
HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR YOU!!

...

HEH HEH... BUT NEVER FEAR, I'LL MAKE YOU INTO MERE KILLER PUPPETS IN NO TIME! FOR YOU ARE MY TOOLS!
ZABUZA AND HAKU, EH... THEY'RE EXCEPTIONALLY STUBBORN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE STILL NOT COMPLETELY BOUND.

THAT DAY WAS MY FIRST DEFEAT EVER.
HEH...
IN THE END, WE SHINOBI ARE STILL JUST PEOPLE AFTER ALL, WITH FEELINGS ALL TOO HUMAN.
AND I'VE LOST EVERYTHING.

REMEMBER... I AM ALREADY DEAD!

USE WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY TO STOP ME!
KAKASHI... DON'T HOLD BACK!

AND I DIED HUMAN!

I KNOW.

SQK...

READ THIS WAY
VWP
VWP
VWP
VWP
CAPTAIN KAKASHI, THAT IWAGAKURE NINJA...
HERE THEY COME!
THANK YOU... MASTER ZABUZA...
...IS A MASTER OF EXPLOSION STYLE KEKKEI GENKAI!
HIS NAME IS GARI! HE'S LIKE DEIDARA, A FORMER DEMOLITIONS UNIT MEMBER!
AND THAT WOMAN IS PAKURA, A SUNAGAKURE SCORCH STYLE KEKKEI GENKAI MASTER!
PLEASE BE WARY!

ALL KEKKEI GENKAI USERS, HUH?

FWOO!

NINPO KIRI-GAKURE JUTSU!

SWOOO!

THE OTHER MEMBERS COVER 12, 3, 6, AND 9 O'CLOCK POSITIONS, IN STANDARD MANJI FORMATION!

ASSEMBLE BATTLE GROUPS WITH SENSORY TYPE NINJA AT THE CENTER!

ZABUZA CAN PINPOINT A TARGET'S LOCATION BASED ON SOUND ALONE!

THE MIST IS GETTING THICKER! VISIBILITY IS NEAR ZERO! IT MUST BE THE KIRIGAKURE JUTSU!

DO NOT BE AFRAID, SAKURA!

I SHALL PROTECT YOU EVEN IF I MUST DIE IN THE PROCESS!

LAST TIME, HE ATTACKED US FROM THE ONE BLIND SPOT IN THIS FORMATION, THE CENTER!

SO WATCH YOUR BACK TOO!

SHUP

SHUP

SWOOO...
FSH

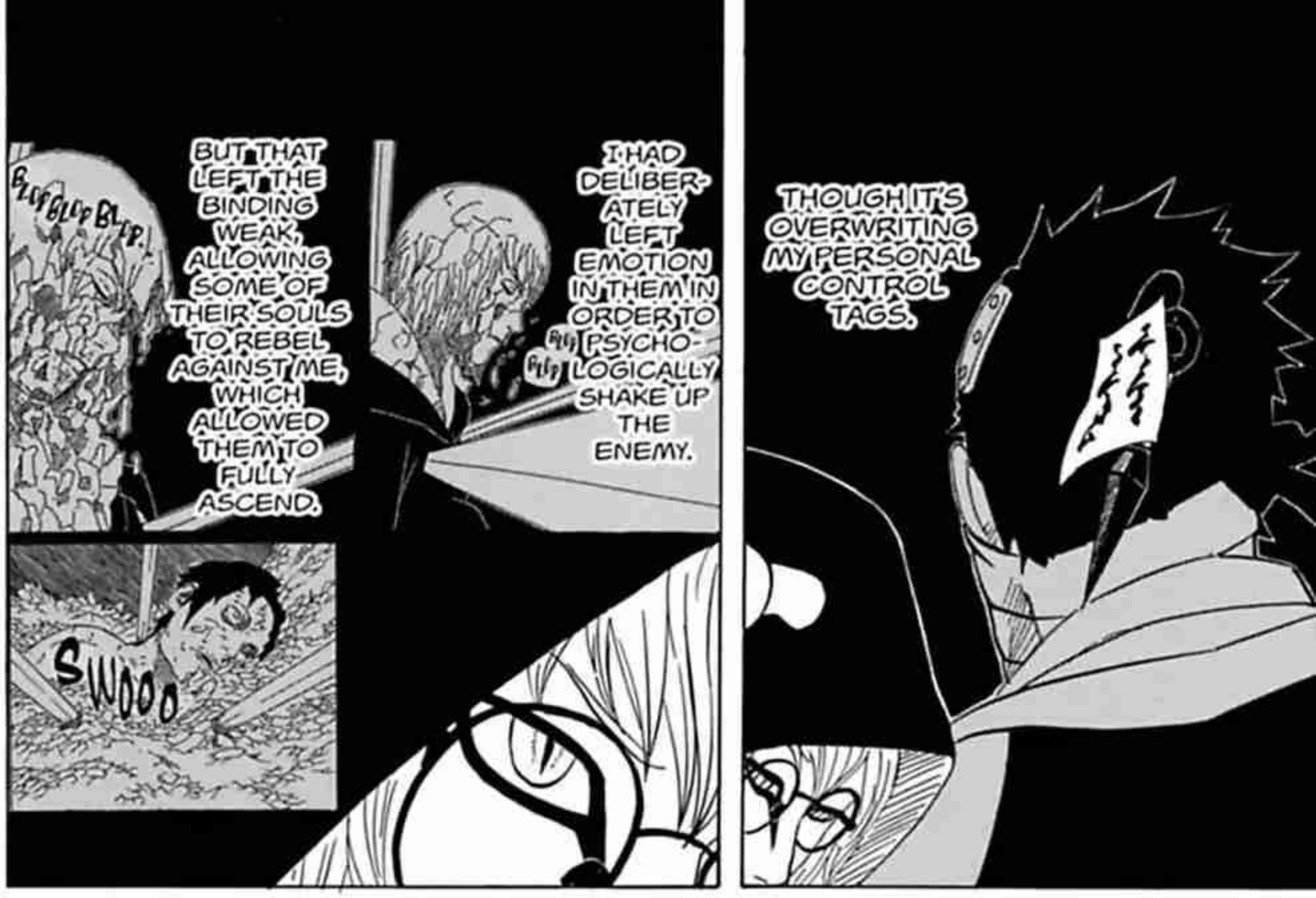
FIRST, MIST. NOW COLD AIR?

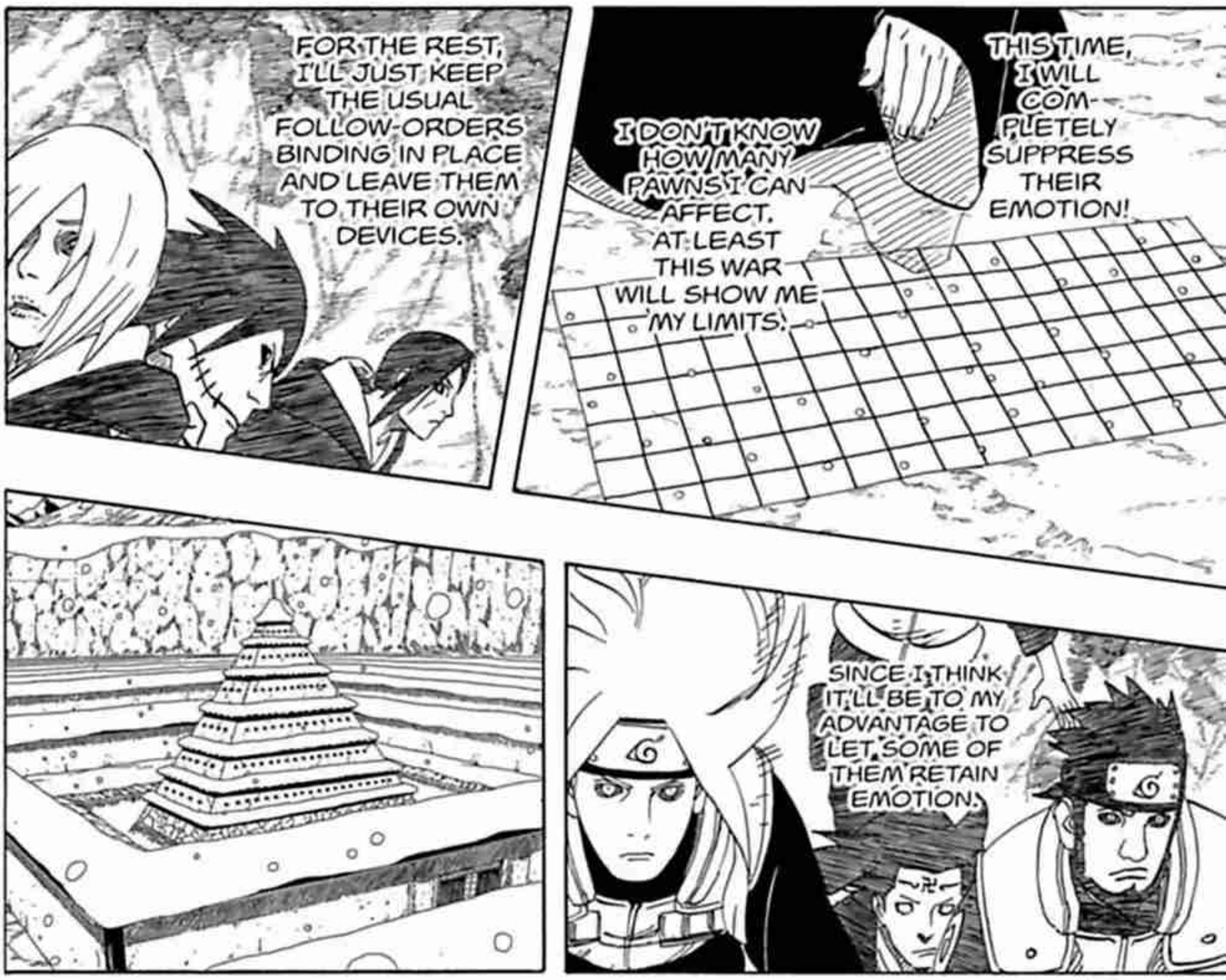
HUH?
OH... O-OKAY!

GAH!
AARGH!!

I CAN BIND THEM SO MUCH MORE TIGHTLY NOW THAT I HAVE LORD OROCHIMARU'S CHAKRA.
THIS IS DIFFERENT.

IT'S BEGUN!!


BLUP BLUP BLUP.
BUT THAT LEFT THE BINDING WEAK, ALLOWING SOME OF THEIR SOULS TO REBEL AGAINST ME, WHICH ALLOWED THEM TO FULLY ASCEND.
I HAD DELIBERATELY LEFT EMOTION IN THEM IN ORDER TO PSYCHOLOGICALLY SHAKE UP THE ENEMY.
SWOOO
THOUGH IT'S OVERWRITING MY PERSONAL CONTROL TAGS.


FOR THE REST, I'LL JUST KEEP THE USUAL FOLLOW-ORDERS BINDING IN PLACE AND LEAVE THEM TO THEIR OWN DEVICES.
I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PAWNS I CAN AFFECT. AT LEAST THIS WAR WILL SHOW ME MY LIMITS.
THIS TIME, I WILL COMPLETELY SUPPRESS THEIR EMOTION!
SINCE I THINK IT'LL BE TO MY ADVANTAGE TO LET SOME OF THEM RETAIN EMOTION.

LET'S GO LOOK FOR SASUKE.
SHUP
CREAK
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ESCAPE RIGHT NOW.

KLAK
FOR WHATEVER REASON, THERE ARE A LOT FEWER GUARDS AROUND.

MM...
WANNA LOOK FOR HER?
YOU KNOW, IRONICALLY, IT'S ALMOST TOO QUIET WITHOUT HER AROUND. DECISIONS, DECISIONS.
EEN
WOW, YOU'RE GONNA HELP?
YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD SOLDIER, JUGO. UNLIKE KARIN.
WHERE IS SHE?

WELL, THEY CONFIS-CATED IT, DIDN'T THEY?
SO WE SHOULD LOOK FOR AN ARMORY FIRST. LET'S GO.
I FOUND THE KEYS TO THIS PLACE RIGHT AWAY, BUT I CAN'T FIND MY BLADE ANYWHERE.
GO ON AHEAD OF ME. I NEED TO FIND MY BLADE FIRST.
BLUH.

FOO
FUCKER
FUCKER
HERE SHE COMES!!
TAK
OOM
HE'S MUMMI-FIED!!

KLAK

SHOO

?!
ZWOP
ZWOP

THK
THK

I'M BURNING! AGH!
SCORCH STYLE! SUPER STEAM KILL!!
THUD
FOOSH

TMP

BL
AA
KI
EXPLOSION STYLE! LAND MINE FIST!!
AARGH !!
MON-STER!!
NO! TAJIKI BLEW UP!
SPLAT

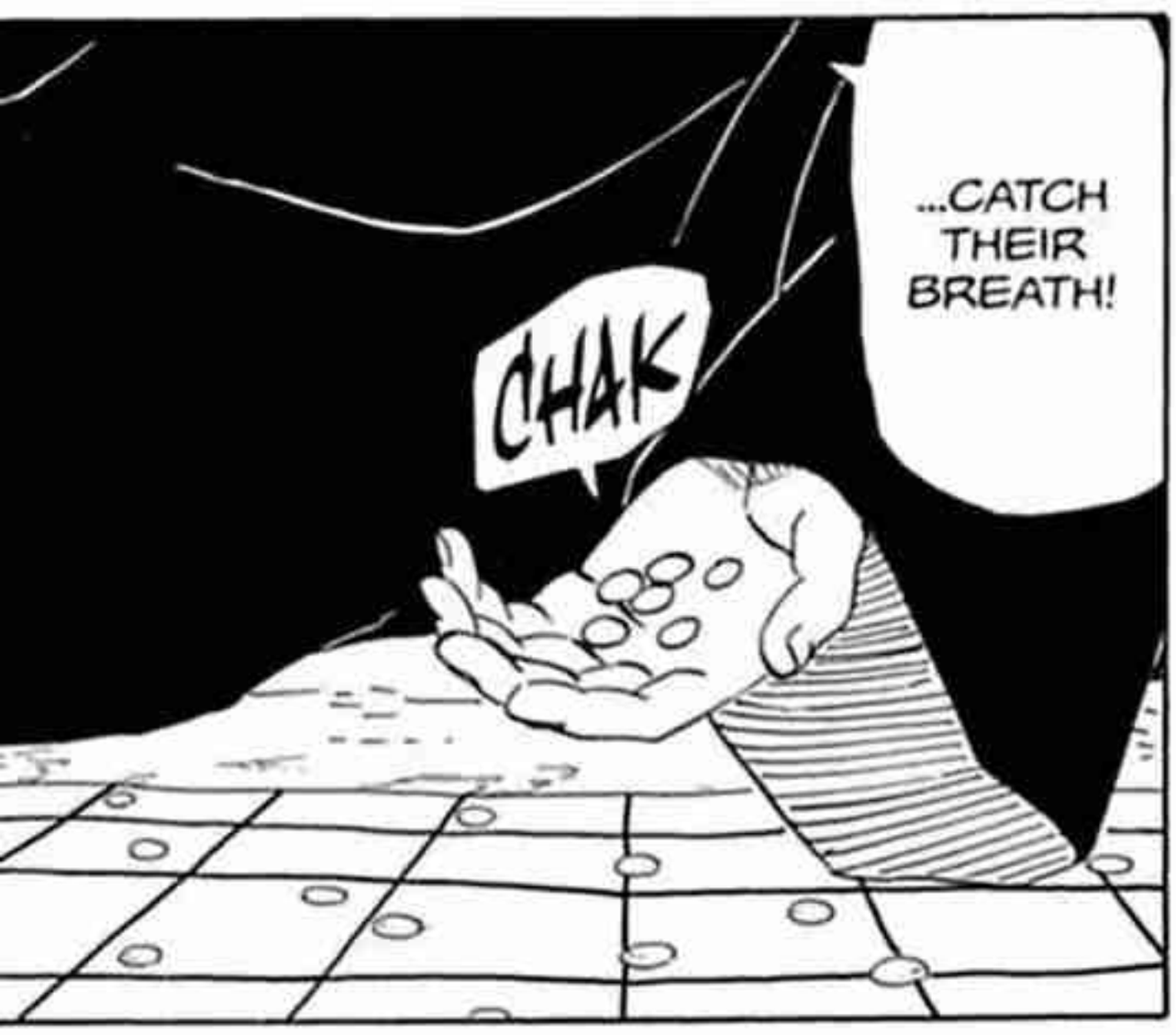
THUD

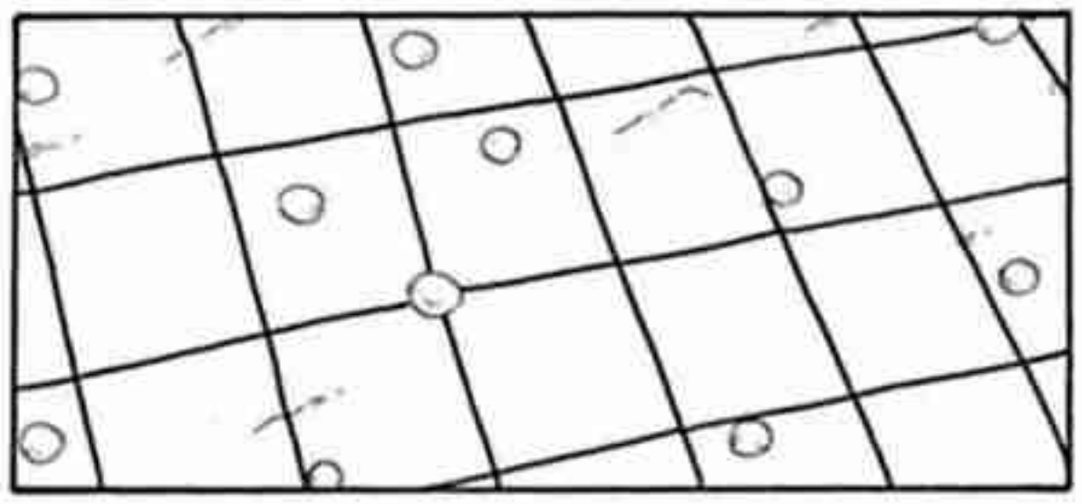
KONOHA HURRICANE WHIRL-WINDS!!

!!

ZZZZZ

I UNDER-STAND THE ENEMY'S STRATEGY AND PLAN!
NOW IT'S MY TURN!
UNH...


...CATCH THEIR BREATH!
CHAK



HEH HEH... I AM NOT SO NAÏVE AS TO LET MY OPPONENT...

KUCHIYOSE SUMMON-ING!!
BA
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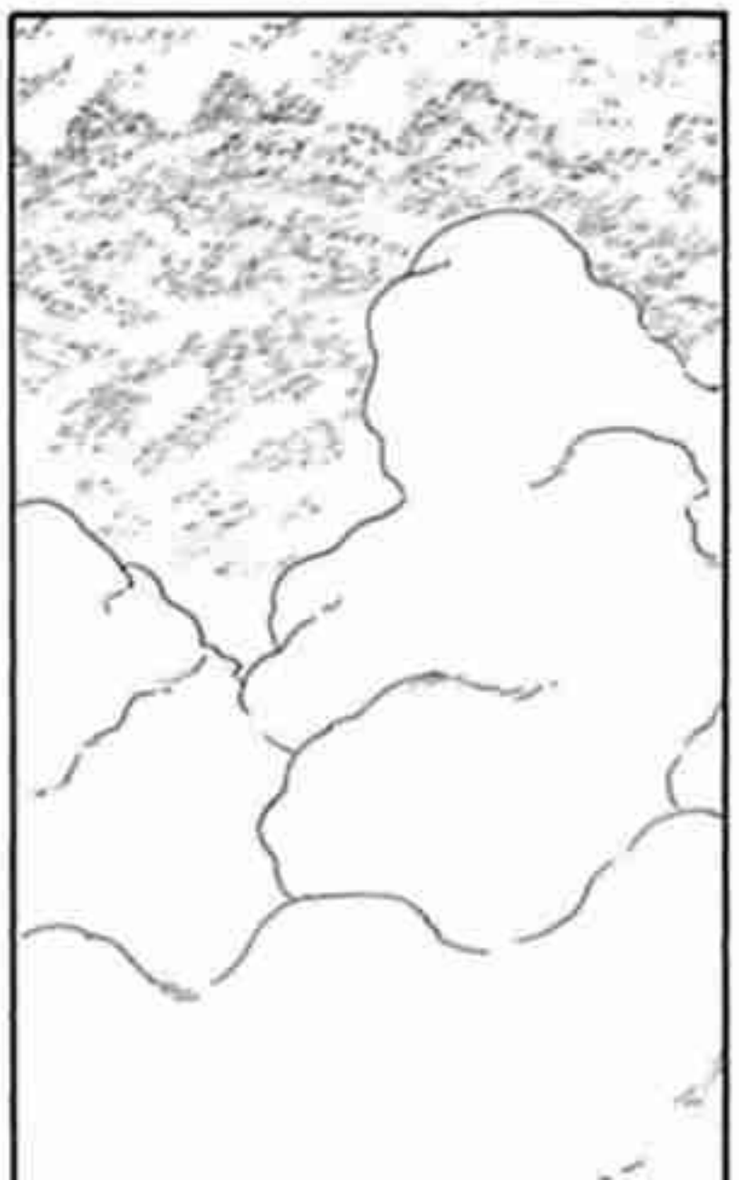
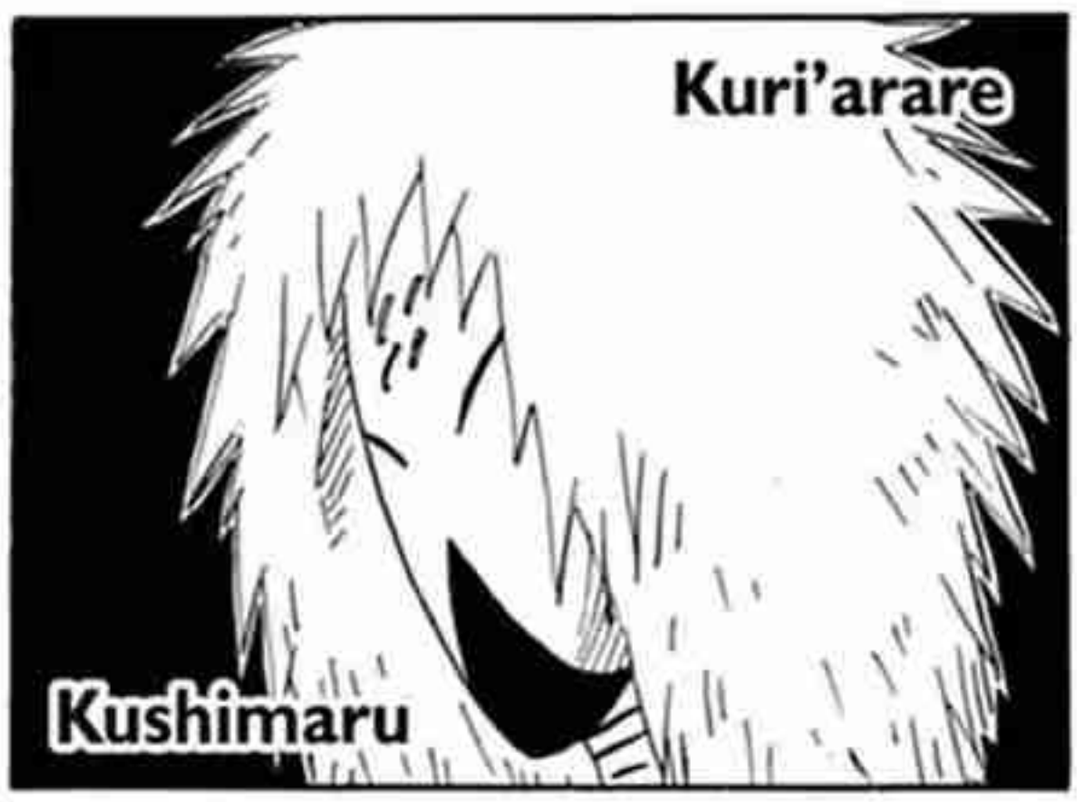


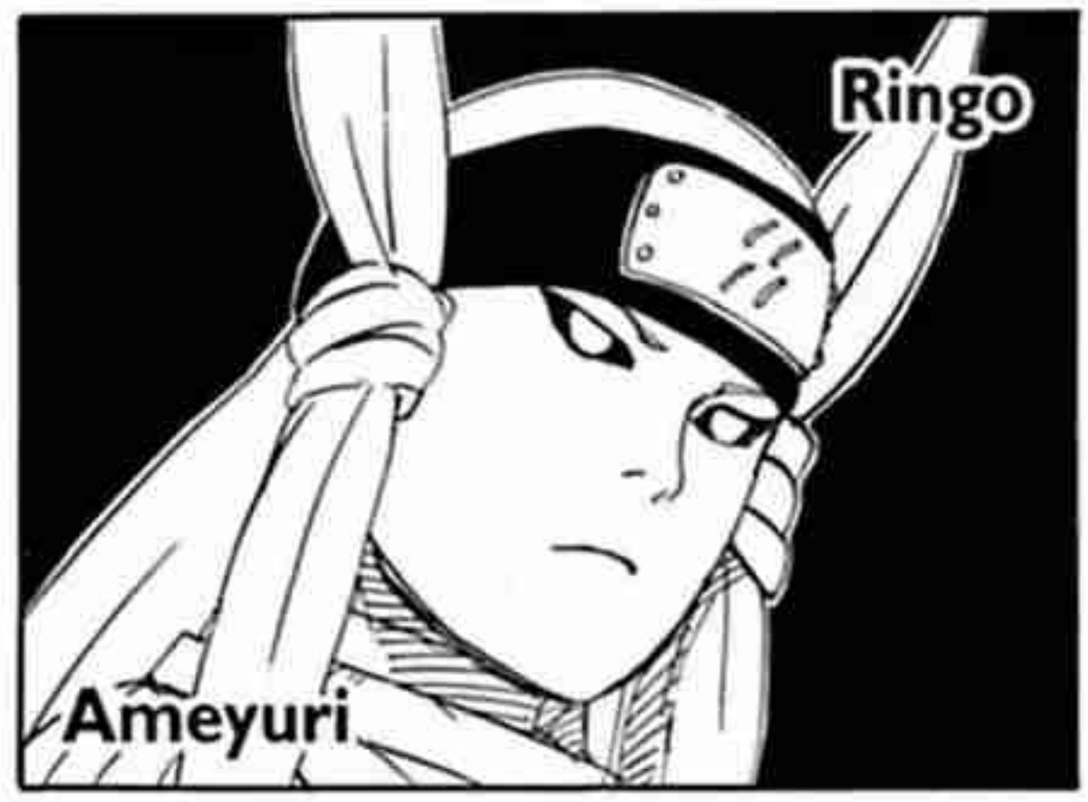
TH-THOSE ARE...
!!
FOOSH
THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE.
KLOP
KLOP
WOOSH
G-G-G-G-G
...PAST MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN OF THE MIST!!!
KLAK

NARUTO

Number 523:

The Legendary Seven Swordsmen of the Mist!!





TA-DAA

WHOOSH

THE SEVEN SWORDS-MEN, EH?

READ THIS WAY
TAK TAK TAK
BUY ME SOME TIME!!
EVERYONE, ATTACK TOGETHER!!
WOSH

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO COLLECT THE LOST MIST BLADES.

WHY SO OBSESSED?

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S HERE, EITHER.

THK

TCH.

...

BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE BLADES, YOU'RE SINGLE-MINDED.

YOU'RE THE ONE THAT GIVES UP.

YOU OFFERED HELP. ALREADY GIVING UP?

HEY!

RESUR-RECT?

I PLAN TO RESURRECT THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN AND BECOME THEIR LEADER.

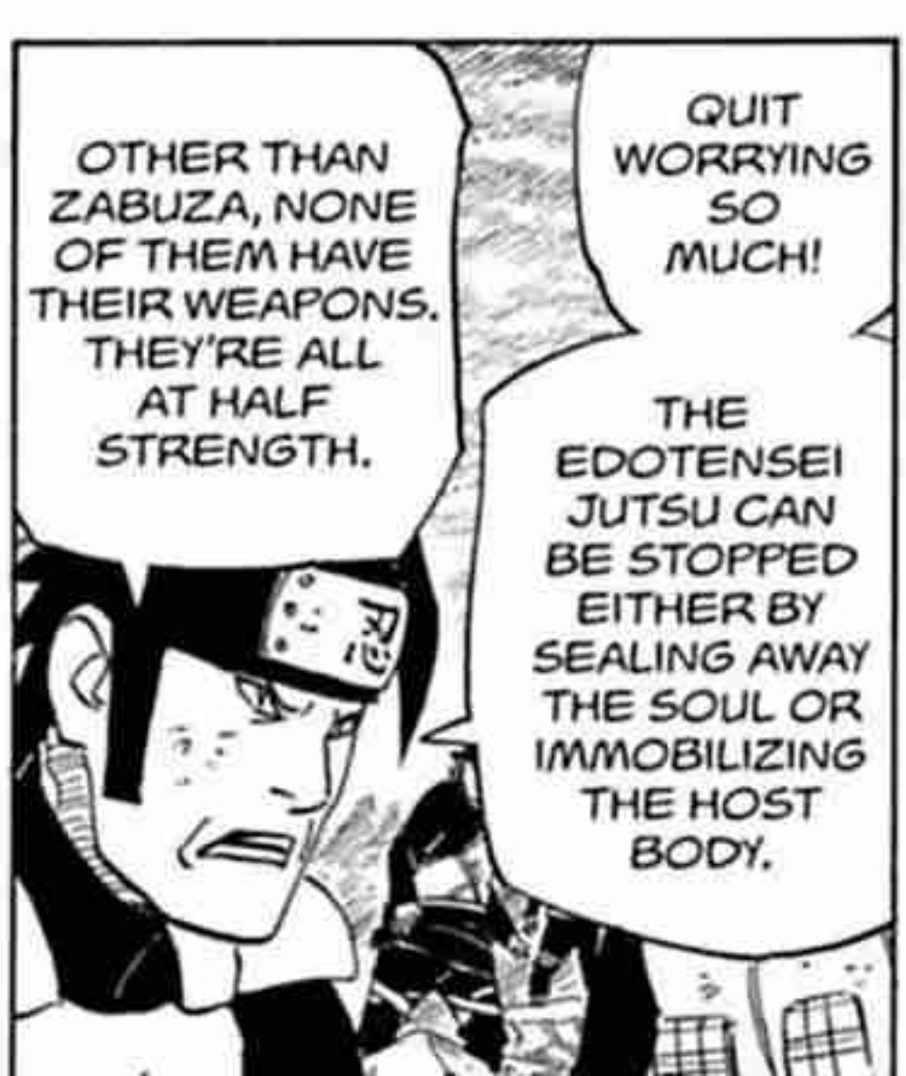
I NEED A CHALLENGE TO STAY ENGAGED.

SO, OFFICIALLY, THAT UNIT DOESN'T EVEN EXIST TODAY.

I'M ASSUMING KISAME STILL HAS THE GREAT BLADE SAMEHADA THE SHARKSKIN, BUT HE'S A ROGUE NINJA. AND THE EXECUTIONER'S BLADE THAT I'D FINALLY TRACKED DOWN IS GONE AGAIN.

THE NINJA BLADES BY TRADITION ARE HANDED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, BUT OTHER THAN HIRAMEKAREI THE FLATFISH, THE REST HAVE ALL GONE MISSING.

YEAH. RIGHT NOW, THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN OF THE MIST CONSISTS OF A SINGLE BRAT NAMED CHOJURO.



FSSSH...

断 大 長 鈍 爆 雷 双

BOOF BOOF

TAK

KA

READ
THIS
WAY

WE CAN'T FIGHT IN THIS MIST. WE'LL END UP KILLING EACH OTHER.
THE MIST'S THICKER. VISIBILITY GONE.
THIS IS A SILENT KILL. DON'T TRUST YOUR EARS!

BUT THEY'RE NOT AT FULL POWER!
SWOOO...

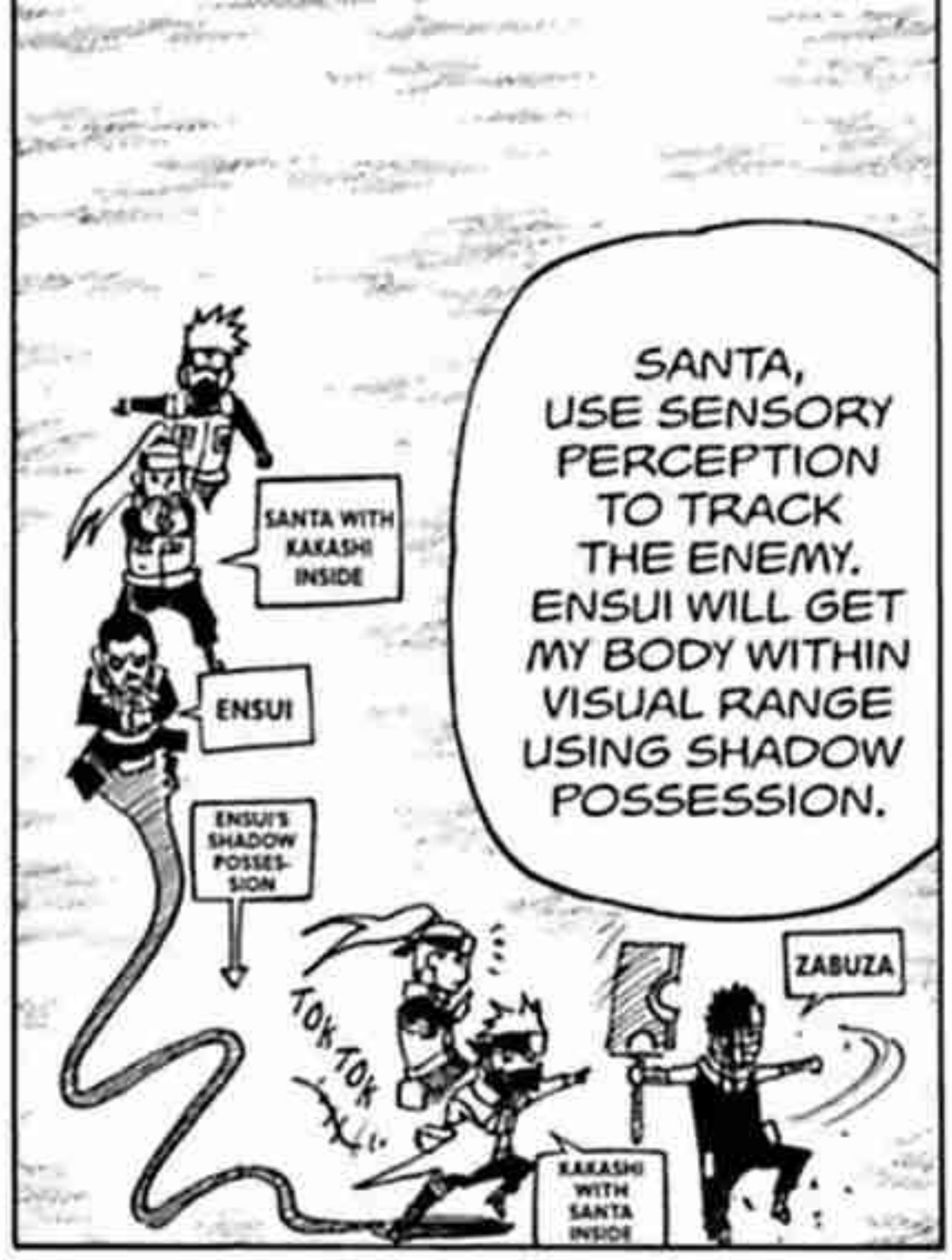
SHOOM

FSH

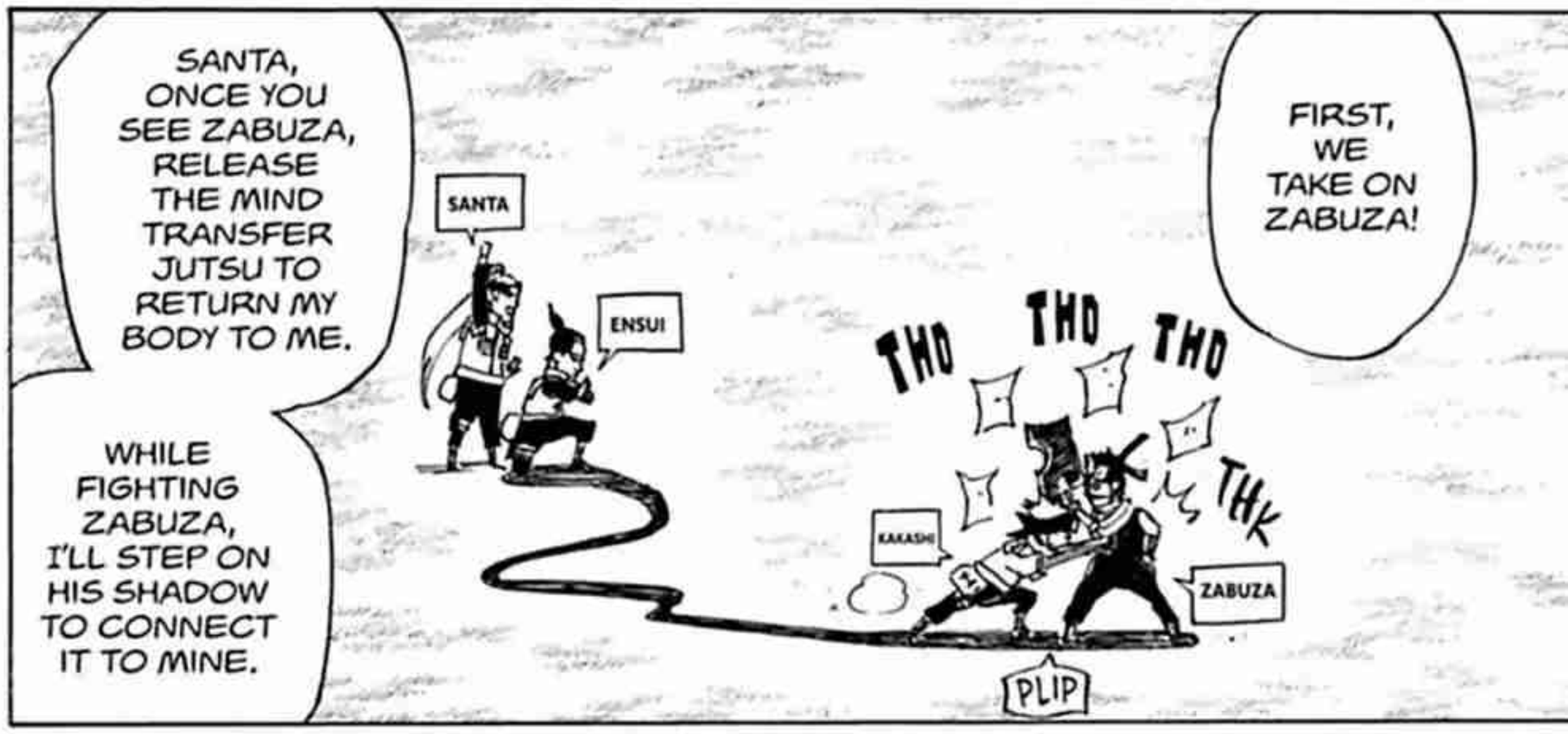
PLINK

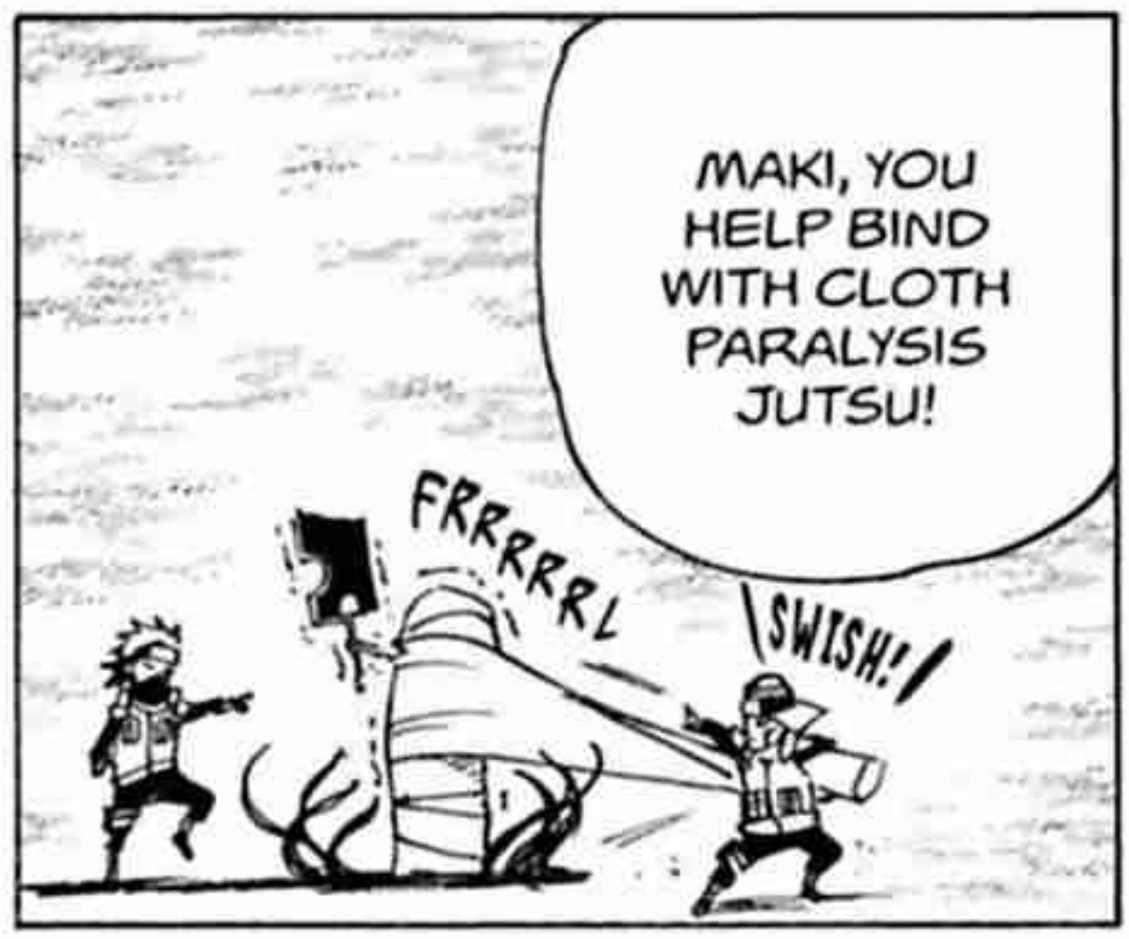
ENSUI, START BY FOLLOWING MY MOVES WITH A LOOSE SHADOW POSSESSION JUTSU.
YES-SIR!
SWOO
PLIP
GOOD!
FWP
FWP

I'M READY TO LAUNCH SHADOW POSSESSION AND SHADOW PARALYSIS JUTSU!!
CAPTAIN KAKASHI!


SANTA WITH KAKASHI INSIDE
ENSUI
ENSUI'S SHADOW POSSES-SION
SANTA, USE SENSORY PERCEPTION TO TRACK THE ENEMY. ENSUI WILL GET MY BODY WITHIN VISUAL RANGE USING SHADOW POSSESSION.
TOK TOK
ZABUZA
KAKASHI WITH SANTA INSIDE

YAMANAKA SANTA, USE MIND TRANSFER JUTSU TO TRADE PLACES WITH ME.
BLAM
YES-SIR.


SANTA, ONCE YOU SEE ZABUZA, RELEASE THE MIND TRANSFER JUTSU TO RETURN MY BODY TO ME.
WHILE FIGHTING ZABUZA, I'LL STEP ON HIS SHADOW TO CONNECT IT TO MINE.
SANTA
ENSUI
FIRST, WE TAKE ON ZABUZA!
THO THO THO
THK
KAKASHI
ZABUZA
PLIP


MAKI, YOU HELP BIND WITH CLOTH PARALYSIS JUTSU!
FRRRRRL
SWISH!

MMPH
THEN, ENSUI, YOU'LL POWER UP SHADOW POSSESSION AND SHADOW-STITCHING JUTSU TO BIND HIM!
URK
URK
URK
MAKI

TAK

MIND TRANS-FER JUTSU!!

NOGEEK!-

LET'S DO IT!!

...IS THE LIGHTNING BLADE, KIBA, THE FANG, AND ITS WIELDER, RINGO AMEYURI!
BZZZZ
BZZZZ
NEXT, SMASHING THROUGH ALL DEFENSES...
WHOOSH

...IS THE BLUNT BLADE, KABUTOWARI, THE HELMET-SPLITTER, AND ITS WIELDER AKEBINO JININ!

AM

UGH!!

ARGH!!

THK- THK- THK- THD

WOOSH

WOOSH

...AND SEWING THEM TOGETHER ...

SKOOSH

CHAK

STABBING AND PIERCING ALL THINGS...

ZIN

OP

...IS THE LONG SWORD, NUIBARI, THE SEWING NEEDLE, AND ITS WIELDER KURI'ARARE KUSHIMARU!
TWANG
AAAARGH!!
ADDING THE POWER OF EXPLOSION TO SWORDS-MANSHIP—
KLAK
!!
KANG

BUOF
THE EXPLOSIVE BLADE, SHIBUKI, THE SPATTER, AND ITS WIELDER MUNASHI JINPACHI!
AARGH!
NEXT, JUST LIKE HOSHIGAKI KISAME, A PREVIOUS WIELDER OF THE GREAT BLADE SAMEHADA, THE SHARKSKIN...
SUIKAZAN FUGUKI!

HOZUKI MANGETSU!

AND HE WHO COULD HANDLE ALL SEVEN BLADES, THE MAN WHO'D BEEN CALLED THE SECOND COMING OF THE DEMON, MY OLDER BROTHER...

READ THIS WAY
...THE IRON IN THE BLOOD HELPS IT REGENERATE!
FA SH
AS IT SLICES UP PEOPLE AND ABSORBS THEIR BLOOD...
THAT BLADE HAS A SPECIAL ABILITY.
YOU DON'T KNOW A THING.
IT CAN HEAL ITSELF.
THE SEVERING SWORD, THE EXECUTIONER'S BLADE, CANNOT BE CHIPPED OR NICKED.
NICE! I HAVEN'T BEEN NOTICED AND I'VE MADE THE FIRST MOVE! ALL RIGHT!
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, MASTER KAKASHI!!
MIND TRANSFER! RELEASE!!

THE REST CAN JUST BE SHIELDS.
ZABUZA'S KIRIGAKURE JUTSU KEEPS THEM HIDDEN IN THE MIST. IT'S THE KEYSTONE TO THIS BATTLE OF NUMBERS.
HEH HEH. EVEN THOUGH HE'S JUST A PUPPET NOW, I BET IT'S TURNING OUT TO BE QUITE AN INTERESTING PRODUCTION ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
AND HAKU, WHO PROTECTS ZABUZA AS IF HIS LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.
BA
!!!
!!
CHAK
!!

NARUTO

Number 524: That Which Ought to Be Protected

WOOSH

HE'S GOING TO COME RIGHT THROUGH THE KID TO GET TO ME.

HE'S GOING TO COME RIGHT THROUGH THE KID TO GET TO ME!

KANNG

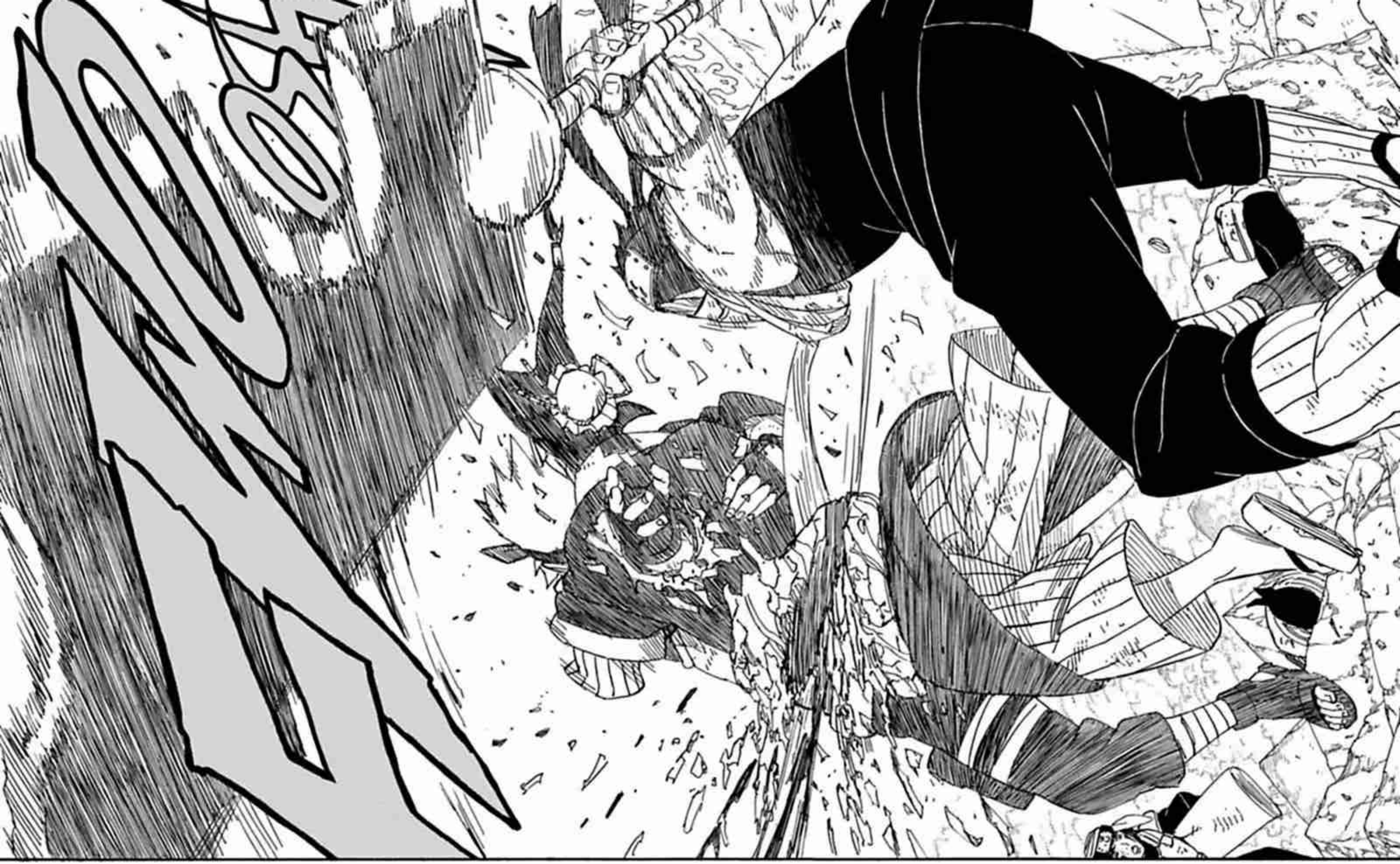
...IS ALREADY

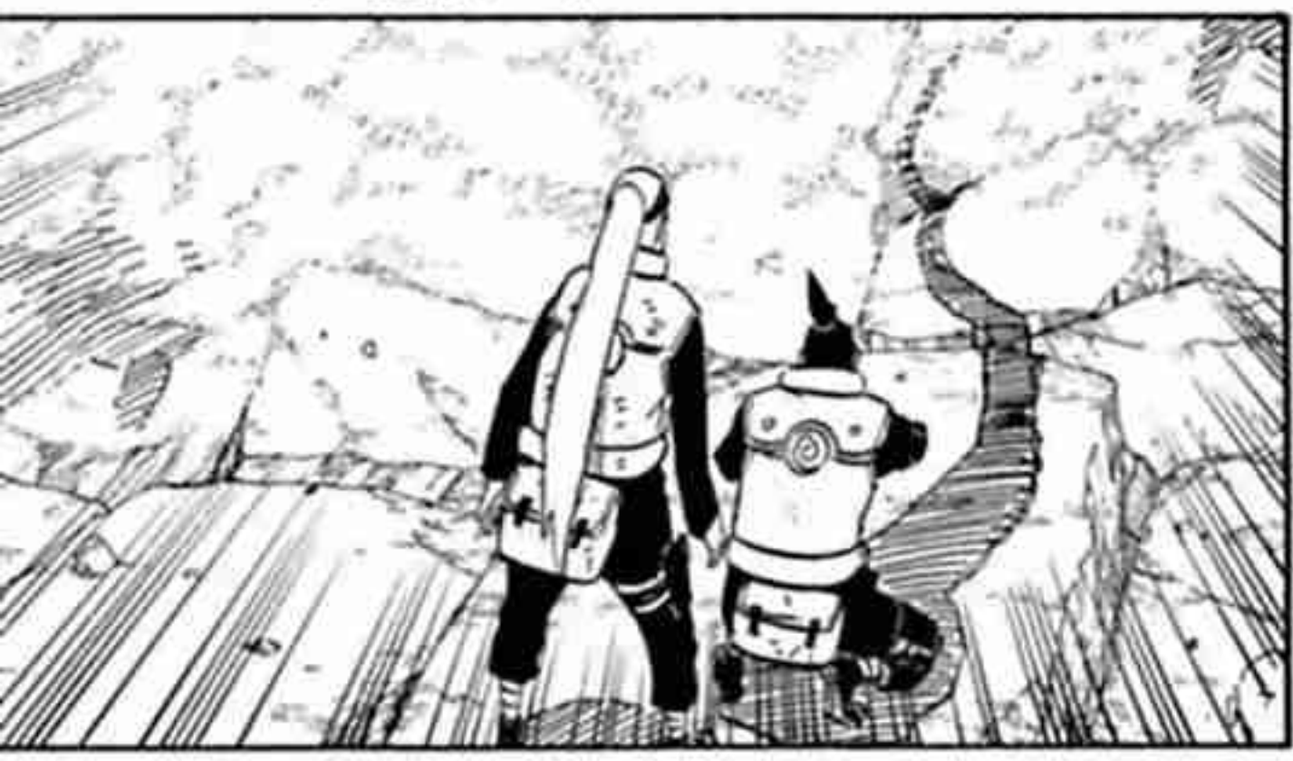
...DEAD.

CAPTAIN KAKASHI !!

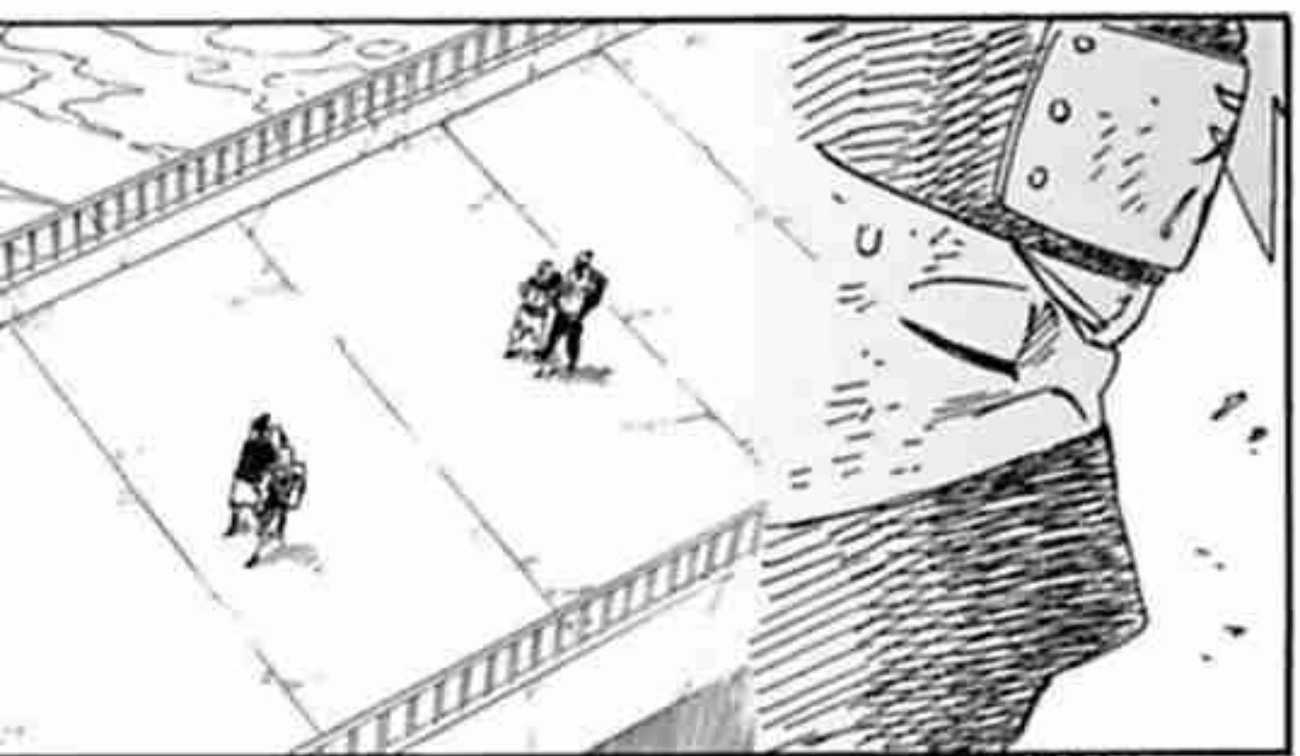
TOK

WHOSH


ZIUSHA!



BUT THERE'S BEEN TOO LITTLE CONTACT TIME WITH THE SECOND ONE'S SHADOW! I CAN'T FREEZE HIS MOVEMENTS!
I'VE CAPTURED THE SHADOW OF ONE OF THE ENEMY!
AARGH!!
I RUMBLE
BAM!
CONTACT TIME?! YOU MEAN CAPTAIN KAKASHI GETTING SLASHED BY ZABUZA?! OF COURSE THAT'S TOO SHORT!



DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL GET TO A-RANK EVENTUALLY, AFTER YOU LEARN MORE JUTSU AND GET STRONGER.
WUMP
AWWW.
OH, NO, NO WAY!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WE ALL MADE IT THROUGH SAFE AND SOUND AGAINST SUCH POWERFUL ENEMIES AS ZABUZA AND HAKU!
I WANNA GO ON ANOTHER A-RANK MISSION!
WHAN

HUH?
BUT THAT MEANS I GOTTA FIND MORE THINGS TO PROTECT!
FINE.
HMM.

WHEN PEOPLE ARE PROTECTING SOMETHING TRULY PRECIOUS TO THEM, THEY CAN TRULY BECOME STRONGER!

HAKU SAID.

ESPECIALLY AFTER WATCHING HAKU WITH ZABUZA. I THINK HE'S RIGHT.

YEAH.

...

YOU AGREE WITH HIM?

I SEE.

ABOUT WHAT?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

HEY, HEY. YA KNOW, MASTER KAKASHI.

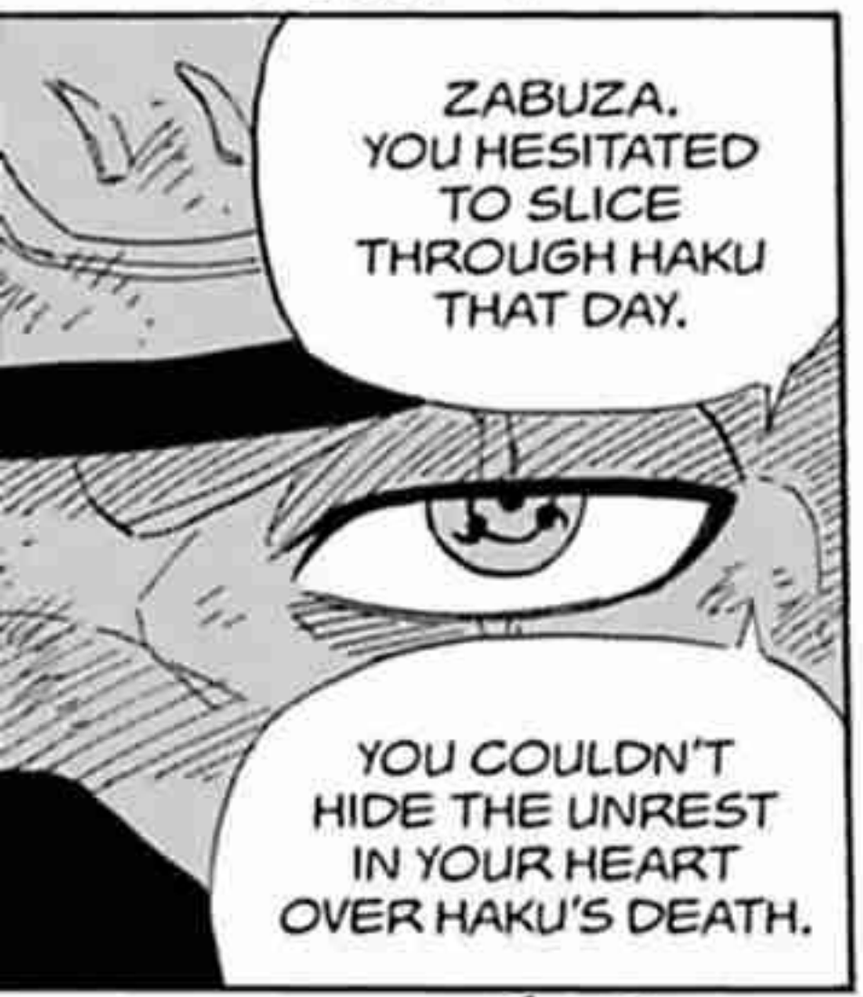
READ THIS WAY
BLOP
ZWWWW
ZWW
SHWOO
WAAH!
WAAH!
RRRRKK
BAM
I'M GLAD YOU WERE NARUTO'S FIRST ADVER-SARIES.
GRRR
FW
FW
FSH
KLAK
HWUF

FSH
YESSIR!

SHOOP
BZ
MAKI, UNTIL I GIVE THE SIGNAL, STAY BEHIND ME. GET THE CLOTH PARALYSIS JUTSU READY TO GO!
MMM2

KANNG

READ THIS WAY



THEY WERE ENEMIES. BUT YA KNOW...
YOU SEE...
ABOUT WHAT?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HEY, HEY. YA KNOW, MASTER KAKASHI.

...!

IS THAT WEIRD?

I KINDA LIKED THEM.

THK

PFT
PFT
PFT

HO HO.

NAH. I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

TNK

THAT'S MY SIGNAL!!

ALL RIGHT!

ENSUI! BIND HIM!!

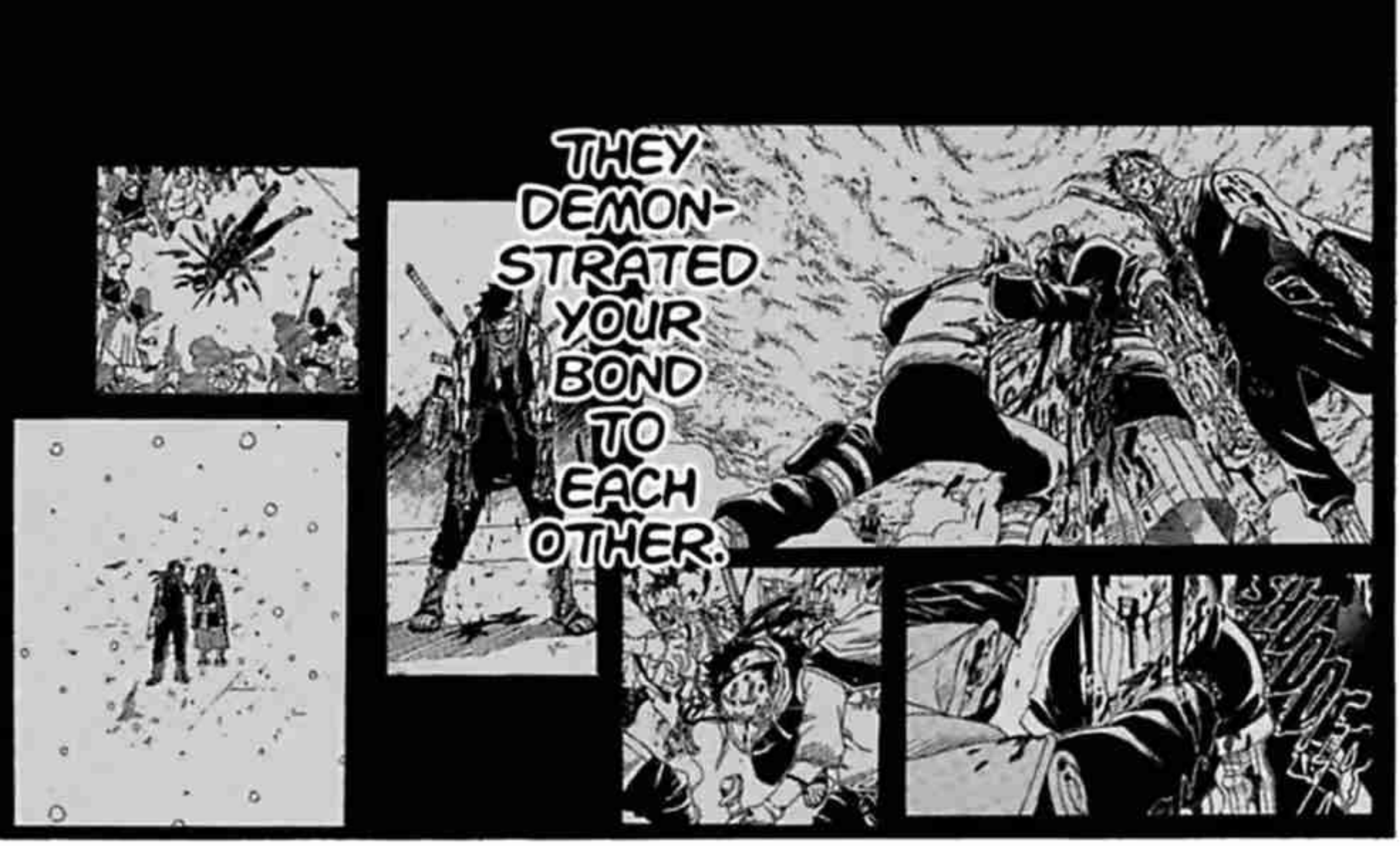
WAAH!! BANG WAAH!! KLANG

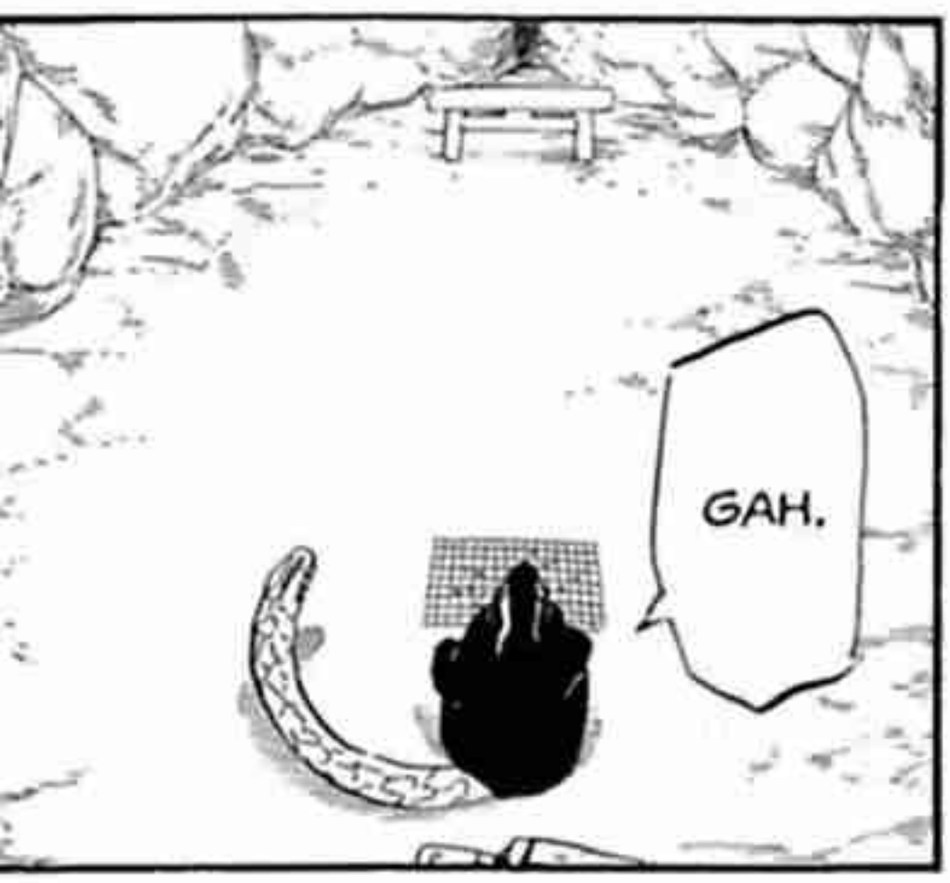
GUUNG

HAH!!

UWNN

YOUR MANNERS OF DEATH AND YOUR TEARS...


THEY DEMON-STRATED YOUR BOND TO EACH OTHER.


GAH.

...!

AS A SHINOBI, I'VE GOT PLENTY TO PROTECT TOO.

ESPECIALLY SINCE I WAS... AND AM AGAIN THEIR FINAL ENEMY. WHAT DO YOU THINK, NARUTO?
I NEED TO PROTECT THE MANNER OF DEATH FOR ZABUZA AND HAKU!

TUP

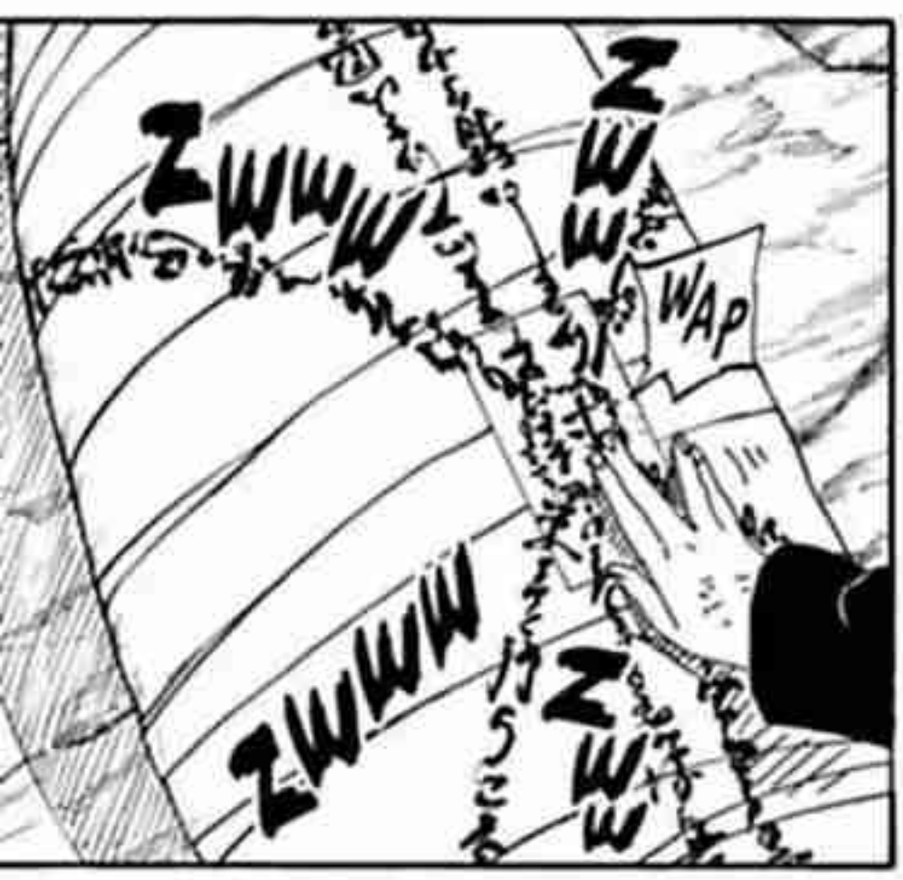
DRIP DRIP

DO IT, MAKI.
YES-SIR!!
WAP

BOOM

SWOOOOOOOOO
!

THE MIST IS LIFTING...
LOOK!!
HUF
HUF


ZWWW
ZWWW
ZWWW
WAP

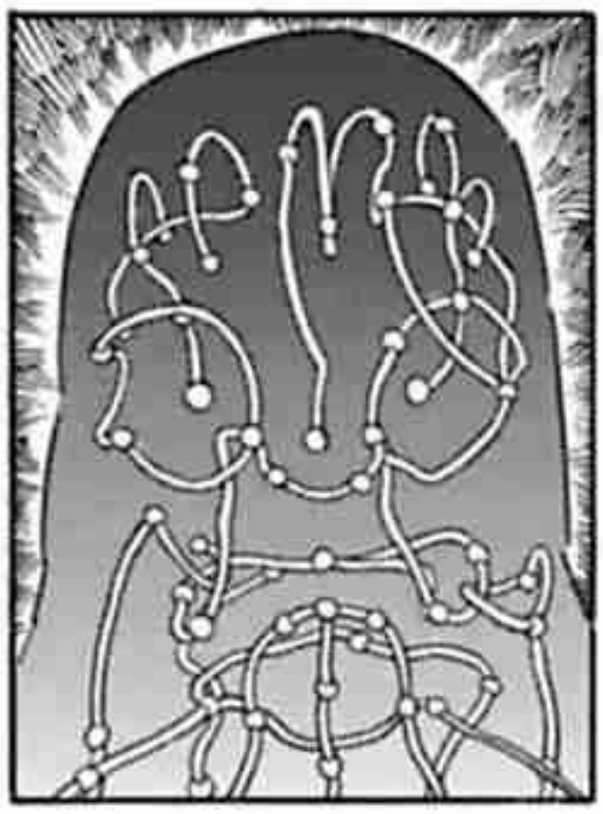
YES! WE CAN SEE THE ENEMY NOW!

DANZO VALUED YOU HIGHLY, DIDN'T HE?! YOU DON'T NEED TO SUPPRESS YOUR EMOTIONS ANYMORE!!
B-BUT I STILL DON'T REALLY KNOW...
EDOTENSEI REALLY IS UN-FORGIVEABLE! SAI, NEXT I'M GOING TO USE THE SEALING JUTSU THE FOUNDATION USED ON YOU! FOLLOW ME!
WAAAH!
BOOF
KLAK

AND I SHALL WATCH OVER THESE TWO PERSON-ALLY!
IF TAGS REMAIN INTACT, THEY CANNOT BE SUMMONED!

BUT I'M AT MY BOILING POINT.
IT TAKES A LOT FOR ME TO LOSE MY TEMPER TOO.
I AM KAKASHI THE MIRROR NINJA! I'VE COPIED 1,000 JUTSU! WATCH ME LIVE UP TO MY NICKNAME!

WH
AM
!!



AND THEY ABSORB CHAKRA.

!
RRRR
THERE ARE TOO MANY!
RR
RR

BOOO

GENTLE FIST TECHNIQUE! BODY BLOW !!!

THWAK

TOK

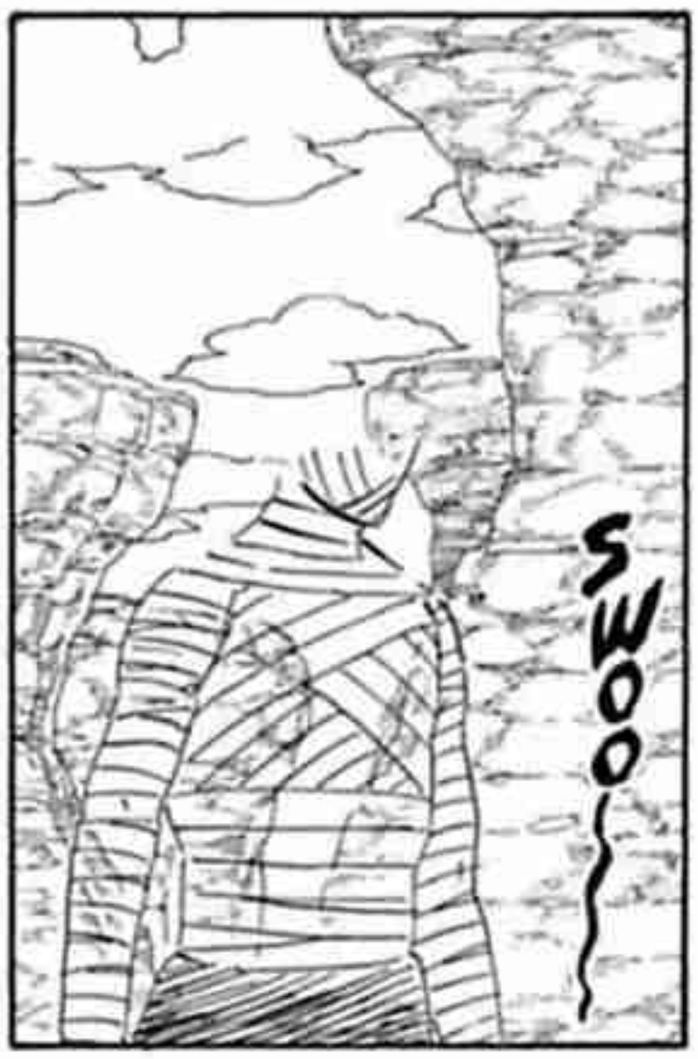
HUF

HUF

THUD

BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM

WAAH!
DA!
QUIET!! I KNOW!


SWOOO

SWOOO

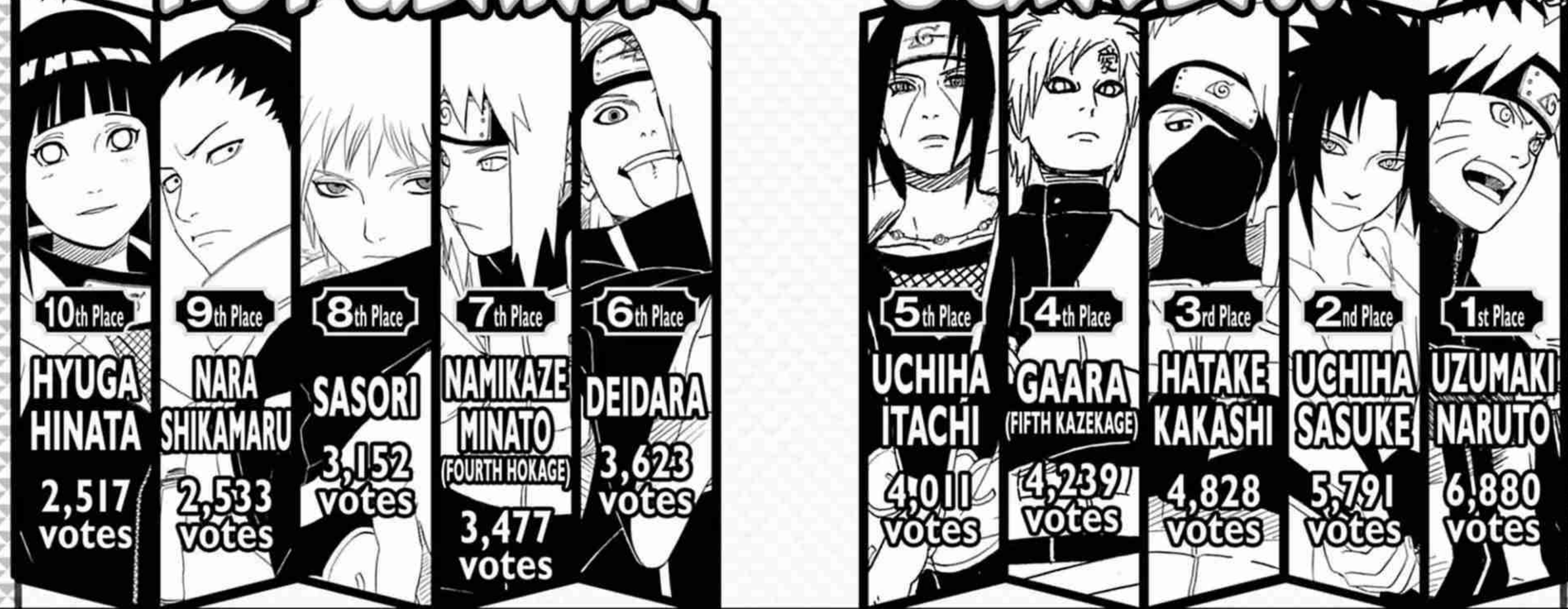
SHUP
ZQUISH
SHUP

I COMMEND YOU, WHOEVER YOU ARE, FOR DETECTING SECOND TSUCHIKAGE MU'S PRESENCE.
SENSING BY SAND. WORKS VIA DIRECT CONTACT, EH.

WOOOOOOSH
HERE THEY COME.
TO BE CONTINUED IN *NARUTO* VOLUME 56!

7TH CHARACTER POPULARITY SURVEY!!

77,365 TOTAL SUBMISSIONS!!



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12th Place Haruno Sakura 2,188 votes
Sai 2,188 votes
14th Place Yamato 1,925 votes
15th Place Hyuga Neji 1,794 votes
16th Place Jiraiya 1,723 votes
17th Place Hidan 1,635 votes
18th Place Temari 1,628 votes
19th Place Uchiha Madara (Tobi) 1,621 votes
20th Place Rock Lee 1,597 votes
21st Place Uzumaki Kushina 1,338 votes
22nd Place Hoshigaki Kisame 1,320 votes
Pain 1,320 votes
Konan 1,320 votes
25th Place Killer Bee 1,312 votes
26th Place Might Guy 1,299 votes
27th Place Kankuro 1,214 votes
28th Place Inuzuka Kiba 1,079 votes
29th Place Aburame Shino 989 votes
Yamanaka Ino 989 votes
31st Place Karin 862 votes
32nd Place Tenten 723 votes
33rd Place Tsunade (Fifth Hokage) 667 votes
34th Place Hozuki Suigetsu 539 votes
Torune 539 votes
36th Place Kakuzu 381 votes
37th Place Foo 212 votes
Hagane Kotetsu 212 votes
Haku 212 votes
Yakushi Kabuto 212 votes
41st Place Kamizuki Izumo 813 votes
42nd Place Momochi Zabuza 72 votes
43rd Place Shimura Danzo 54 votes
44th Place Orochimaru 27 votes
Zetsu 27 votes
Utakata 27 votes
Inomatsu 27 votes
Samui 27 votes
49th Place Kimimaro 19 votes
Nagato 19 votes
Uchiha Obito 19 votes
Nine Tails 19 votes
53rd Place Chikushodo [Pain] 15 votes
Tayuya 15 votes
Sarutobi Asuma 15 votes
56th Place Eight Tails 12 votes
Omoi 12 votes
58th Place Rin 9 votes
Senju Tobirama (Second Hokage) 9 votes
Kishimoto Masashi 9 votes
Yahiko 9 votes
62nd Place Terumii Mei (Fifth Mizukage) 8 votes
Gekko Hayate 8 votes
Shiranui Genma 8 votes
Akimichi Choji 8 votes
Jugo 8 votes
Mitarashi Anko 8 votes
68th Place Uchiha Shisui 7 votes
Darui 7 votes
Ao 7 votes
Yagura 7 votes
Konohamaru 7 votes
Shee 7 votes
Shizune 7 votes
Senju Hashirama (First Hokage) 7 votes
76th Place Sage of Six Paths 6 votes
Pakkun 6 votes
Shin 6 votes
'Ay (Fourth Raikage) 6 votes
Chojuro 6 votes
Hyuga Tokuma 6 votes
Akamaru 6 votes
Yuhi Kurenai 6 votes
Captain Yamato's head gear 6 votes
Sarutobi Hiruzen (Third Hokage) 6 votes
Amaru 6 votes
Fu 6 votes
Etc. (1 vote each) 26 names total

(This poll conducted in Japan.)